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THE PRESIDENT HAS SEEN...

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

INFORMATION

May 27, 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR: THE PRESIDENT  
FROM: JIM CANNON *Jimi*  
SUBJECT: Status Report: Uranium Enrichment *JK*

The purpose of this memorandum is to:

- Follow up on the meeting you called on Uranium Enrichment at the request of the Domestic Council.
  - Give you a status report on developments since the meeting, and
  - Provide a timetable for completing negotiations and preparing a decision paper.
1. Negotiations with UEA to come up with a minimum Government assistance package are under way.
    - Jim Connor has been designated coordinator of the negotiations.
    - John Hill, Deputy to Frank Zarb (who is in Paris with Secretary Kissinger) is chairing the negotiations until Zarb returns.
    - Dr. Seamans has assigned Roger Legassie, who is ERDA's expert on uranium enrichment, to represent him at the negotiations.
    - Gerald Komes, president of a Bechtel group, will lead the negotiations for UEA.
  2. Frank Zarb and Bob Seamans will meet with the negotiators Wednesday night upon their return to Washington.
    - It is my understanding that the negotiation team is to deliver the UEA's minimum Government assistance package to the Domestic Council on Friday, May 30, 1975.

3. While the negotiations with UEA are going on --

- We are working with Max Friedersdorf and his staff to get a reading on Congressional attitudes toward the expansion of uranium enrichment capacity.
- We are also working with FEA, ERDA, OMB and NSC to refine and more completely evaluate the possible options in the light of Saturday's discussion, so that we can begin a preliminary draft of a decision paper.

4. Timetable

- On Friday, May 30, 1975, the negotiations team is to deliver a minimum assistance package.
- On Saturday, May 31, the Domestic Council will draft a decision paper.
- On Sunday, June 1, we will circulate to the senior staff (by DEX to those travelling with the President) the draft decision paper.
- On Monday, June 2, we expect to have comments in from the senior staff.
- On Tuesday, June 3, we will complete the decision paper in final form, and have it ready upon your return.

cc: Don Rumsfeld  
Frank Zarb  
Dr. Robert Seamans  
Jim Lynn  
Brent Scowcroft