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TALKING POINTS FOR PRESENTATION OF PETITION FROM:

THE NATIONAL SOCIETY OF PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS AND
THE AMERICAN NUCLEAR SOCIETY, 11/14/75

- On behalf of President Ford, thank you for petition.
- Please convey thanks to thousands of members of National Society of Professional Engineers and American Nuclear Society who signed.
- Petition reflects growing concern of knowledgeable Americans over Nation's energy future.
- Since embargo, dependence on foreign oil has risen -- to almost 40% of consumption.
- Dependence on OPEC oil has risen from 49 to 60%.
- Economic and national security threat worse than ever.
- Must develop domestic resources now -- and that means traditional resources: oil, gas, coal, nuclear power. (Solar, geothermal, etc., may help in long-run, but must act now.)
- Price controls on oil and gas will continue to hinder increased production in immediate future -- emphasis on coal and nuclear therefore all the more important.
- Development of coal and nuclear involves controversy -- many legitimate issues; but also many misunderstandings.
- Our job: correct misunderstandings, give American people the facts, resolve legitimate issues, and get on with job.
- You and your members have shown your concern in petition. Hope we can count on you to translate concern into public education effort, help us move forward toward energy independence.

