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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

May 26, 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

THROUGH: DONALD RUMSFELD

FROM: RICHARD B. CHENEY *RB*

SUBJECT: Inclusion of Statement on Uranium
Enrichment in Proposed Television Speech

After Saturday's meeting on the issue of uranium enrichment, you instructed me to have language drafted which could be used in your TV address tomorrow night when you will announce your decision to impose the second dollar tariff on oil imports.

I would recommend, however, that you not discuss the issue in tomorrow night's address. Frank Zarb and others of FEA believe that discussing uranium enrichment will detract from the basic message of tomorrow night's speech, namely that Congress has failed to adopt an energy program and, therefore, you are going to move administratively to reduce oil imports and increase production.

FEA's arguments are attached.

Should you decide to make some reference to uranium enrichment, I have also attached draft language prepared by FEA.

Make No Reference to Uranium Enrichment *RC-7*

Include Statement on Uranium Enrichment _____

Attachments



FEDERAL ENERGY ADMINISTRATION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20461

May 26, 1975

OFFICE OF THE DEPUTY ADMINISTRATOR

MEMORANDUM TO DICK CHENEY

FROM: JOHN A. HILL *JAH*

SUBJECT: Inclusion of Statement on Uranium Enrichment
in President's May 27 Energy Speech

ISSUE

Should the President's May 27 Energy Speech include a reference to uranium enrichment?

ANALYSIS

The purpose of the President's energy speech is to announce his decisions on the second dollar on import fees and to frame that decision within the context of Congressional inaction on his or any other energy program. The intended results are (1) to insure success of the second dollar (to avoid losing the veto vote); (2) to again underscore problems with the vetoed strip mining bill and to enhance our chances for sustaining the veto; and (3) to spur the public to work on their Congressmen during the recess to act on energy legislation when they return.

Uranium enrichment does not fit particularly well within the overall purposes of the May 27 speech:

1. The Administration has made no proposal to Congress regarding uranium enrichment; it may even be somewhat vulnerable to the charge that it has dragged its feet on this issue.
2. Uranium enrichment is a highly technical issue and its relationship to overall energy policy is both indirect and difficult to perceive by the average citizen.

3. Given items (1) and (2), inclusion of uranium enrichment in the speech is likely to detract (both substantively and in terms of overall impact) from the speech by including items not understood by the public and give Congress an issue they can focus on in response to the speech that would allow them to beg the real issues of energy policy.

The only rationale for including uranium enrichment in the President's speech would be to support Kissinger's statement on uranium enrichment at the IEA meeting this week in Paris. Although this could be an important signal to foreign nations, it is doubtful that it would tell foreign nations something they do not know already -- that the U.S. intends to be a major player in the international enrichment market. The need to include the statement therefore in a speech aimed at the homefront is thus not compelling.

RECOMMENDATION

FEA recommends that uranium enrichment not be included in the President's May 27 energy speech.

If it is included, FEA would recommend the language provided in the attachment.

Attachment

SUGGESTED STATEMENT ON
URANIUM ENRICHMENT

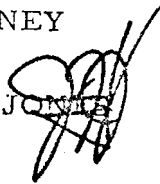
Although much of the energy debate to date has focused on the need to increase the supply and constrain the demand of our scarce fossil fuels, attention must also be given to the nuclear situation. I have recently submitted legislation that would expedite the siting and licensing of nuclear power plants, and will shortly submit a proposal to extend existing protections to the public in the unlikely event of a nuclear accident. I will also decide by June 30 how the Nation should increase its capacity for enriching uranium, not only to meet the future fuel needs of domestic utilities but also those of foreign nations. Although my recommendations in this area could involve either private sources of supply or the continuation of the Government's past monopoly, the objective must be to add to our capacity to enrich uranium.

I am hopeful that Congress will be able to act on these proposals without the delays we have encountered in my comprehensive energy program. At stake is this Nation's ability to ultimately eliminate its vulnerability by relying increasingly on the production of power from nuclear sources.

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

Date 5/26/75

TO: DICK CHENEY

FROM: JERRY H. JONES 

For your information.