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July 22, 1976

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MEMORANDUM FOR: BRENT SCOWCROFT
FROM: JAMES E. CONNOR *JEC*
SUBJECT: Letter of July 12 from Craig Hosmer

The attached was returned in the President's outbox with the following notation directed to you:

"Talk with me on this."

Please follow-up with the appropriate action.

cc: Dick Cheney

THE PRESIDENT HAS SEEN.....

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CRAIG HOSMER
PRESIDENT

July 12, 1976

Mr. Robert T. Hartmann
Counsellor to the President
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Bob:

The Administration has lost the initiative on the nuclear proliferation/safeguards exports issue by neglect. Hardly a word has been said since Henry Kissinger blessed the idea of multinational nuclear fuel reprocessing last September. Meanwhile, Jimmy Carter sweeps into the vacuum with his U.N. speech, a proliferation study group, appropriate words in the Demo platform, etc., etc., etc.

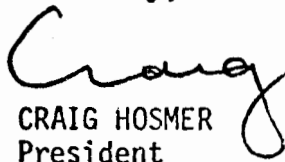
And, in the absence of strong Administration leadership, Congress is offering bills and amendments on the subject willy-nilly. Some of these are highly counterproductive from both a strategic nuclear defense standpoint and from the standpoint of any healthy U.S. nuclear exports policy.

I will not waste your time with a long recitation of what should be done. Henry Kissinger knows what should be done and it is important both for the country and for the President's political fortunes that he get about doing it.

Therefore I respectfully, but strongly, recommend that you nudge the President to tell Henry to get busy on this one quickly and follow through on it.

Any continuing absence of strong Administration leadership here can allow Congress to do a lot of strategic and commercial damage, and set up Carter rather than Ford as the man of vision and leadership in this area.

Sincerely,


CRAIG HOSMER
President

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