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THE PRESIDENT HAS SEEN

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

RECOMMENDED TELEPHONE CALL

TO: Senator Mansfield

DATE: As soon as possible today

RECOMMENDED BY: Max Friedersdorf, Jim Cannon *JFC*

PURPOSE: To head off decision by Senator Mansfield to defer further action on the Nuclear Fuel Assurance Act.

BACKGROUND: Senator Mansfield has indicated to Bill Kendall that he sees little or no chance of scheduling the NFAA this year and may include this in a statement this afternoon.

TOPICS OF DISCUSSION:

1. Action this year on the Nuclear Fuel Assurance Act (NFAA) is critical. We must proceed with firm actions to expand capacity in the United States to enrich uranium because:
 - Our ability to supply uranium enrichment services is the best tool we have for influencing other countries to act in ways that limit the threat of proliferation.
 - U.S. utilities need to know that fuel will be available in the mid and late 1980's if they decide to build additional nuclear plants.
2. We have already lost more than a year because Congress has not taken final action.
 - I sent the bill up on June 26, 1975.
 - The JCAE reported the bill 16-0 on May 14, 1976.
 - The House passed the bill on August 4, 1976.
3. You have scheduled a nuclear export control bill (S. 1439) for September 16. That bill is based on concerns about proliferation. If the Senate is truly interested in non-proliferation, the members should recognize that the NFAA is far more critical. Without

enrichment capacity, other steps you might wish to take will be largely ineffective.

4. In summary, this bill is important for non-proliferation, energy, economic and Federal budget objectives.

September 9, 1976

Action

He will try to program. If we
could ^{get} a time agreement I'm sure he would.

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

September 1, 1976

Dear Mike:

The Nuclear Fuel Assurance Act, H.R. 8401, passed the House of Representatives on August 4, 1976, and is now awaiting action by the Senate. This bill is of great importance to the Nation.

We must act to increase the capacity in the United States to enrich uranium needed for nuclear power plants. This action is necessary to our energy independence and to a strong economy.

This Nation and many others around the world will, without question, become more reliant on nuclear energy as the supplies of oil and natural gas diminish. We must have additional uranium enrichment capacity for our domestic needs and to maintain our role as a major supplier of enrichment services to others.

Moreover, it is my conviction that the best way to control nuclear proliferation throughout the world is for the United States to maintain its leadership in supplying nuclear fuel.

The Nuclear Fuel Assurance Act which has passed the House would provide for U.S. leadership in an industry that is closely related to U.S. progress and to future international security.

I urge you to bring H.R. 8401 to the Senate floor immediately after the Labor Day recess.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Gerald R. Ford". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the word "Sincerely,".

The Honorable Mike Mansfield
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

Sara -

Could you call & pass the results to
Max Friedersdorf and Cannon
Just too late to do so.

Trudy

T. relayed
message
9/11/76 Sara