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THE PRESIDENT HAS SEEN....

**TALKING POINTS: URANIUM ENRICHMENT
MESSAGE CEREMONY**

THURSDAY, JUNE 26, 1975

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**1. BECAUSE OUR OIL AND NATURAL GAS RESOURCES ARE
BEING FAST DEPLETED, WE MUST RELY MORE AND MORE ON NUCLEAR
POWER AS A MAJOR SOURCE OF ENERGY FOR THE FUTURE.**

2. TODAY I AM ASKING THE CONGRESS TO JOIN ME IN EMBARKING THE NATION ON AN EXCITING NEW COURSE OF ACTION WHICH WILL HELP ASSURE THE ENERGY INDEPENDENCE WE SEEK, AND SIGNIFICANTLY STRENGTHEN OUR ECONOMY AT THE SAME TIME.

3. I AM REFERRING TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN ENTIRELY NEW COMPETITIVE INDUSTRY TO PROVIDE URANIUM ENRICHMENT SERVICE FOR NUCLEAR POWER REACTORS. THE LEGISLATION I AM REQUESTING TODAY WILL REINFORCE THE WORLD LEADERSHIP WE NOW ENJOY IN URANIUM ENRICHMENT TECHNOLOGY.

IT WILL HELP INSURE THE CONTINUED AVAILABILITY OF RELIABLE ENERGY

FOR AMERICA. IT WILL MOVE AMERICA ONE BIG STEP NEARER

ENERGY INDEPENDENCE.

4. THIS LEGISLATION WILL ASSURE THAT THE BILLIONS OF DOLLARS REQUIRED FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF NEW ENRICHMENT PLANTS WILL BE BORNE BY THE PRIVATE SECTOR, NOT BY THE AMERICAN TAXPAYER. BUT ALL OF US WILL BENEFIT DIRECTLY FROM THE SERVICE WHICH PRIVATE ENTERPRISE WILL PROVIDE.

5. I URGE THE CONGRESS TO ACT SWIFTLY AND FAVORABLY ON THIS IMPORTANT NEW ENERGY INITIATIVE. WITH THIS COMPREHENSIVE APPROACH, THE UNITED STATES CAN REOPEN ITS URANIUM ENRICHMENT "ORDER BOOK," REASSERT ITS SUPREMACY AS THE WORLD'S MAJOR SUPPLIER OF ENRICHED URANIUM, AND DEVELOP A STRONG PRIVATE ENRICHMENT INDUSTRY TO HELP BOLSTER THE NATIONAL ECONOMY.

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