The original documents are located in Box 10, folder “6/26/75 - Talking Points: Uranium Enrichment Message Ceremony” of the President’s Speeches and Statements: Reading Copies at the Gerald R. Ford Presidential Library.

Copyright Notice
The copyright law of the United States (Title 17, United States Code) governs the making of photocopies or other reproductions of copyrighted material. Gerald Ford donated to the United States of America his copyrights in all of his unpublished writings in National Archives collections. Works prepared by U.S. Government employees as part of their official duties are in the public domain. The copyrights to materials written by other individuals or organizations are presumed to remain with them. If you think any of the information displayed in the PDF is subject to a valid copyright claim, please contact the Gerald R. Ford Presidential Library.
THE PRESIDENT HAS SEEN....

TALKING POINTS: URANIUM ENRICHMENT MESSAGE CEREMONY

THURSDAY, JUNE 26, 1975

- 1 -

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.

END OF TEXT