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As a result of this GAO report, the DOE convened a review panel to consider among other things, whether the DOE should exercise the option in the FDF contract to extend the contract up to 3 years. The decision regarding this matter is still pending, and your request to extend the FDF contract for 3 years will be considered in this decision.

We appreciate your interest in this matter and will inform you of our final decision. If you have any further questions regarding this matter, please contact Richard Leotta, of my staff, at 202-586-9073.

Sincerely,

Stephen D. Mournighan, Director
Office of Management Systems
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MEMORANDUM

FOR: DOE

FROM: SUE J. SMITH SJS
DIRECTOR, AGENCY LIAISON

SUBJECT: REFERRAL OF CASEWORK

I am forwarding the attached letter to your office for appropriate action. Please send us a copy of your written response or your telephone report along with the writer's original correspondence and envelope to the following address:

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If you have any questions, call my office at 202/456-7486.

Thank you for your help.

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April 3, 1997

The President
The White House
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Dear President Clinton:

A matter has come to my attention that I believe warrants consideration from the White House.

Not long ago the General Accounting Office released a report which was less than complimentary to the clean-up operation at the Department of Energy Fernald Facility outside Cincinnati, Ohio. As a result, a few political figures have been calling for the ouster of Fluor Daniel as the prime contractor there.

This position is neither realistic nor fair. Fluor Daniel is not responsible for all the problems encountered at Fernald. This facility has a history of problems, many of a magnitude that far exceeds those of the present.

The current contract between the Department of Energy and Fluor Daniel expires late this fall. The contract contains a clause which permits a three year extension. This clause should be activated for a myriad of reasons, the most significant of which is that the time available does not provide the luxury of preparing a Request for Proposal, going public with the bid process and making selection from among those bidding. Further, this could well result in Fluor Daniel being its own successor. Fernald has had a history of labor problems and a faulty labor relations program. At the present time, the labor relations program has improved to the degree that it may soon be made a model to be used at other sites. A product of that improved relationship has been a program between the Metal Trades Council and Fluor Daniel Fernald designed to reduce cost and improve efficiency and that program has worked to the benefit of both the parties and the American taxpayer.

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I am certain, Mr. President, that the Department of Energy would be well served to extend Fluor Daniel's contract through the year 2000 so that we may collectively continue to finish the work we've started.

Thanking you in advance for the consideration of our request, I remain

Sincerely,

John F. Meese

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President

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