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003. email	Newell Highsmith to Anne Witkowsky. Subject: FW: East of the Urals Report. (6 pages)	01/22/1998	P1/b(1)
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State and local officials 8 5

Baltic government officials (3x8) 24 24

Diplomatic Corps 37 20
-- EU, NATO, PFP countries, (minus
Central Asians)
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Prominent Americans 55 25

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C. Closed in accordance with restrictions contained in donor's deed of gift.

PRM. Personal record misfile defined in accordance with 44 U.S.C. 2201(3).

RR. Document will be reviewed upon request.

Freedom of Information Act - [5 U.S.C. 552(b)]

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Exchange Mail

DATE-TIME 2/8/98 8:07:40 PM
FROM Andreassen, Steven P.
CLASSIFICATION UNCLASSIFIED
SUBJECT FW: Response to Helms Letter on CTBT [UNCLASSIFIED]
TO Baker, James E.
DeRosa, Mary B.
Highsmith, Newell L.
Hunerwadel, Joan S.

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TEXT_BODY Need a legal chop also. Thanks. Steve.

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From: Andreassen,
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Sent: Sunday, February 08, 1998 6:33 PM
To: @LEGISLAT
- Legislative Affairs; @PLANNING - Strat Plan & Comm
Cc: @DEFENSE
- Defense Policy
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Importance: High

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February 8, 1998

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MEMORANDUM FOR SAMUEL R. BERGER

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Concurrence by: Rudman Blinken

RECOMMENDATION

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Attachments

Tab I Memorandum to the President

Tab A Letter to Senator Helms

Tab B Letter from Senator Helms

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ACTION

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: SAMUEL BERGER
LARRY STEIN

SUBJECT: Letter from Senator Helms on CTBT

Purpose

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Tab B Letter from Senator Helms

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cc: Vice President
Chief of Staff

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As you and Secretary Albright continue your consultations on the order in which we hope your Committee will take up treaties and other important foreign policy matters this session, I urge you to afford the CTB the very high priority I believe it warrants.

The Honorable Jesse Helms
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

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DATE-TIME 2/8/98 8:18:50 PM

FROM Andreassen, Steven P.

CLASSIFICATION ~~SECRET~~

CLASSIFICATIONREASON 1.5(a)

DATECLASSIFIEDON 02/08/1998

DECLASSIFYON 02/08/2008

SUBJECT Report to Congress/Annual Nuclear Weapons Stockpile Certification
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TO Abercrombie-Winstanley, Gina K.
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TEXT_BODY Mara/Tony/Jamie --

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E.O. 13526 5/16/2017
White House Guidelines, September 11, 2006
By 12 NARA, Date 2/7/2019
2006-1363-F (3)

Need your concurrence on the attached package
by noon Monday, if at all possible. Secretary Pena plans to announce
at the National Press Club on Thursday (February 12) that the
President
has transmitted the annual certification of our nuclear weapons

stockpile
to Congress (which translates into a POTUS signature no later than
Wednesday this week). We also plan a "CTBT blast fax" announcing
the transmittal, as well as the standard WH Press release that
accompanies
reports to Congress. [FYI -- the President's CTBT letter of transmittal
said we would provide the certification and accompanying report to
the appropriate committees of the Congress. At present, letters
are addressed to Helms, Biden, Thurmond, Levin and Gore.
Suggestions
for additional distribution welcome. Note this is the first transmittal,
so there is no precedent.] Thanks. Steve.

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February 8, 1998

ACTION

MEMORANDUM FOR SAMUEL R. BERGER

THROUGH: ROBERT G. BELL

FROM: STEVEN P. ANDREASEN

SUBJECT: Report to Congress on Annual Certification of the Nuclear
Weapons
Stockpile

The attached report fulfills the President's commitment to provide to
the
Congress the annual certification of the nuclear weapons stockpile by
the
Secretaries of Defense and Energy and accompanying report.

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Concurrence by: Rudman Blinken Baker

RECOMMENDATION

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Attachments

Tab I Memorandum to the President

Tab A Letters to Congress

Tab B Certification Letter and Accompanying Report

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ACTION

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

THROUGH: THE EXECUTIVE CLERK

FROM: SAMUEL BERGER

LARRY STEIN

SUBJECT: Report to Congress on Annual Certification of the Nuclear
Weapons
Stockpile

Purpose

To submit for your approval a report to Congress on the annual
certification of
the nuclear weapons stockpile.

Background

In your September 22, 1997 letter of transmittal of the Comprehensive
Nuclear
Test Ban Treaty (CTBT) to the Senate for advice and consent to

ratification, you
committed to provide to the Congress the annual certification of the
nuclear
weapons stockpile by the Secretaries of Defense and Energy and
accompanying
report. The attached report to Congress fulfills that commitment.

Secretary Pena plans to announce at the National Press Club on
Thursday (February
12) that you have transmitted the annual certification and
accompanying report to
Congress.

RECOMMENDATION

That you sign the letters at Tab A transmitting the annual certification
and
accompanying report.

Attachments

Tab A Letters to Congress

Tab B Certification Letter and Accompanying Report

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Reason: 1.5(a) Chief of Staff
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Dear Mr. Chairman:

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by the Secretaries of Defense and Energy and accompanying report,

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pursuant to my September 22, 1997 letter of transmittal of the
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Nuclear Test Ban Treaty (CTBT) for the advice and consent of the
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I am pleased to note the Secretaries' conclusion that the nuclear
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Problems that have arisen in the stockpile are being addressed and
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reliable. In reaching this conclusion, the Secretaries obtained the
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the Directors of the National Weapons Laboratories, the Commander
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The Honorable Jesse Helms
Chairman
Committee on Foreign Relations
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

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The Honorable Joseph R. Biden, Jr.
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

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The Honorable Al Gore
President of the Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

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The Honorable Carl Levin
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

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Exchange Mail

DATE-TIME 2/9/98 8:23:48 AM
FROM Farrar, Jay C.
CLASSIFICATION UNCLASSIFIED
SUBJECT FW: Response to Helms Letter on CTBT [UNCLASSIFIED]
TO Rudman, Mara E.

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Mara,

I took a swack at Steve's letter - Jay.

-----Original

Message-----

From: Andreassen, Steven P.

Sent: Sunday, February

08, 1998 6:33 PM

To: @LEGISLAT - Legislative Affairs; @PLANNING
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Cc: @DEFENSE - Defense Policy

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February 8, 1998

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Concurrence by: Rudman Blinken

RECOMMENDATION

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Attachments

Tab I Memorandum to the President

Tab A Letter to Senator Helms

Tab B Letter from Senator Helms

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ACTION

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

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LARRY STEIN

SUBJECT: Letter from Senator Helms on CTBT

Purpose

To respond to a letter from Senator Helms on the Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty (CTBT).

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Attachments

Tab A Letter to Senator Helms
Tab B Letter from Senator Helms

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cc: Vice President
Chief of Staff

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DATE-TIME 2/9/98 9:03:42 AM
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TO Andreasen, Steven P.

CARBON_COPY Abercrombie-Winstanley, Gina K.
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well w/public. Don't know if it works with Helms] Indeed, because
Congress voted
a moratorium on testing six years ago, the primary affect of the treaty
will be
to bring other contries up to the standard we are setting And with
regard to
India and Pakistan I think it is particularly important that when I travel
to the
subcontinent later this year I do so with U.S. ratification in hand.

As you and Secretary Albright continue your consultations on the
order in which
we hope your Committee will take up treaties and other important
foreign policy
matters this session, I urge you to afford the CTB the very high
priority I
believe it warrants.

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