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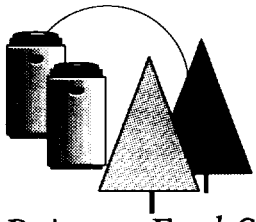

Private Fuel Storage, LLC

P.O. Box C4010, La Crosse, WI 54602-4010
John D. Parkyn, Chairman of the Board

December 18, 2000

The Honorable William J. Clinton
President of the United States
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. President:

I am writing to you as Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Private Fuel Storage, LLC, which is a company owned by several utilities planning the construction and operation of the interim spent nuclear fuel storage site on the Goshute Indian Reservation in western Utah.

I recently became aware of a letter addressed to you as of December 5, 2000 from a group calling itself "Public Citizen, Critical Mass Energy and Environment Program," which requested that you issue an Executive Order against our company's licensing activities and against the Goshute Band. I urge you not to respond to this request with an Executive Order. The program to be developed by the Department of Energy for long-term storage of spent nuclear fuel had an original startup date of January 31, 1998. It is apparent that, at the current rate, the Department of Energy might be ready to accept spent fuel at commercial rates as early as 2012 to 2015, and we applaud their efforts. Many utilities, however, have expressed the need for an off-site storage facility at a much earlier date. The Private Fuel Storage facility could be operational as soon as 2003. Utilities using the Private Fuel Storage facility would be prepared to move their spent fuel to the Department of Energy facility when it is operational. It is, therefore, a totally consistent and critical part of our national energy strategy.

You have frequently stated that we need to retain all of our existing energy supplies, including our running nuclear power plants. In light of the energy shortages in the Midwest and, most recently, in California and the West, it is readily apparent that the United States stands on the verge of an energy crisis, which could have far ranging significance to all citizens. Taking steps to ensure the strength of the nuclear industry is crucial in avoiding such a crisis. Industry has, at its own expense, created Private Fuel Storage as a company to work diligently through the federal government mandated Nuclear Regulatory Commission licensing process to assist in addressing this serious problem.

The License Application was submitted to the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, and was accepted as a complete application in the summer of 1997. A positive Safety Evaluation and a positive Draft Environmental Impact Statement have both been issued and public comment

received. There has been extensive opportunities for public input, and this input will be considered to make this facility as safe and as functional as possible.

It is apparent that it is less expensive to store all spent nuclear fuel at one site rather than having it scattered between 70-72 sites throughout the nation. It is an economic and safe method compared to other alternatives for spent fuel storage. The transportation of spent fuel to the site has been proven safe, as demonstrated by shipments made by the industry in the past. The former Chairman of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Shirley Jackson, substantiated this fact before congressional committees.

Certainly, the input of various citizens living in the proposed Private Fuel Storage facility area is frequently negative. However, as part of our national priority to ensure that all of our citizens, regardless of their place of residence, have a continuing supply of affordable energy, it is necessary that projects such as the Private Fuel Storage facility be part of our nation's effort in giving such assurance. In this effort, we have a willing host, a qualified company, and regulatory oversight by the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission. This is an appropriate method to resolve, in the safest possible manner, the issue of spent nuclear fuel that is currently scattered through the United States at various operating and shutdown reactor sites. I would encourage you to look upon our effort in a positive manner.

This has been an effort of many years, which is moving to closure and towards the resolution of an American issue that is national in scope.

I want to thank you for your service to America these past eight years as our President and to give you my best wishes for your future plans and activities.

If you have any questions at all, please feel free to call me directly, at any time, at (608) 787-1236 or have me paged at (608) 788-4000.

Sincerely yours,

PRIVATE FUEL STORAGE, LLC

John D. Parkyn
Chairman of the Board & CEO

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

12/29/00
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MEMORANDUM

FOR: NRC

FROM: HELEN S. CASTLEMAN H.S.C
DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF AGENCY LIAISON

SUBJECT: REFERRAL OF CASEWORK

I am forwarding the attached letter to your office for appropriate action. Misreferrals should be returned to the following address:

Mrs. Helen S. Castleman
Director, Office of Agency Liaison
Room 6, OEOB
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20502

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

Thank you for your help.