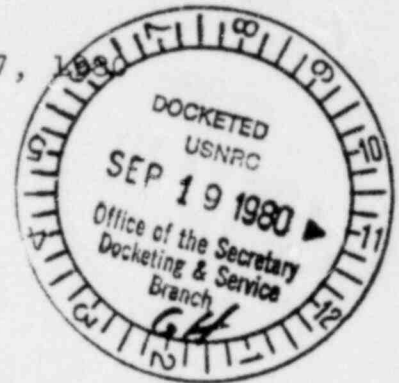


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In reference to Federal Register notice of August 13, 1980 (p 53933) regarding possible NRC reopening GESMO proceedings, I have the following recommendation: open them.

There has been, in my opinion, one article (and one which has been submitted) which should have some input in forming policy on recycling of plutonium. Both have appeared since INFCE has finished its review of reprocessing. The first appeared in the July 1980 issue of Scientific American and is entitled "A ban on the production of fissionable material". The second, is as I said earlier has been submitted- and is still in somewhat of a draft form- for publication; but if all goes well would be published sometime early next year. Despite the draft form, I am enclosing a photocopy of it.

Thank you for your attention.

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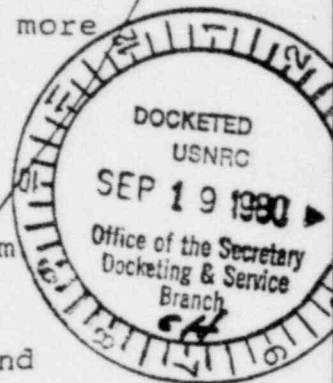
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Enclosure to 17

Needless to say, his whole attitude made me feel even more provoked.

I will really to my best to keep my feelings from coming through this breif article. Please bear in mind though that if my words become a little to emotional for some of you- that I am trying to make an honest effort. I hope that you can understand though, that I feel like I have been pissed on unduly. To repeat, please forgive me if my language becomes to offensive as I try and present good, strong, well thought out reasons as to why we should stop building N-bombs.

Now, I realize that a goodly number of you will say:  
"Yes, it is all good and well that we should stop building our bombs- but if we did that the Soviets, the Chinese, the Iranians, the Viet Cong, or the little green men on Mars would take advantage of us. ~~That the Soviets, Chinese, Iranians, Viet Cong,~~ and the little green men on Mars would



take advantage of us. That they would continue in their efforts to make the Earth moonlike". I know that this is what a goodly number of you will say. First let me say that I know for a fact that this is not what the Soviets, Chinese, Iranians, or the little green men on Mars would do. I know for a fact that they would almost immediately stop building their bombs. I know for a fact that even if they did not do this it wouldn't make one bit of difference anyway. This country has enough nuclear warheads to kill everyone on the planet God knows how many times over (or at least to the point where the survivors will "envy the dead"). This is quite independent of what the Soviets, Chinese, Iranians, or little green men on Mars can do to us. But I am not going to operate under these facts of mine. I will use your assumption about the Soviets, the Chinese, or the little green men on Mars to try and show

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you that it can not work. Your assumption that the Soviets, the Chinese, or the little green men on Mars for that matter are in fact, not to be trusted with the time of day. This is the assumption I will use.

With that assumption in mind- I say that what we should do is to take a dozen H-bombs and blow their counterparts to Rocky Flats, Colorado, or Portsmouth, Ohio, off the *reprocessing/enrichment* face of the planet. The Soviets ain't going to be building any more nuclear warheads then. That just stands to reason. They'd first have to rebuild their counterparts to Rocky Flats ~~fact~~: That would take them years; and if they ever did that all we'd have to do would be to drop another one on'em. I say, that settles that argument doesn't it?

You say that the Soviets could kill us. That they have, in fact, tens of thousands of warheads. That it would only take a small handful of those bombs to completely

make this country a radioactive desert.

Well suppose you tell me couldn't they do all these things now- and if that is true- how is our building any more bombs going to be able to stop them for one second from being able to kill us? Yes, they could kill us.

But they could <sup>proceed</sup> ~~still~~ kill us ~~even after~~ we build more bombs.

But you say that such an act would provoke the Soviets, the Chinese or those little green men on Mars. Us building any more nuclear warheads doesn't provoke the Soviets at all! The Soviets just love to see us build four times the number of bombs a year- they do. They are overjoyed at the prospect that a bunch of ennemy scientists would calmly sit down and decide at what chances they will pass up the opportunity to burn the world's atmosphere off the face of the planet. They are just delirious at the prospect of the United States making thousands of square miles of

Nevada and Utah "restricted for official use only". The Soviets will be just exhilarated when the U.S. installs its launch on warning system by the end of next year- wont they?

I could also point out that the Soviets, the Chinese, the Iranians, or those little green men on Mars- at least according to your orders- could not be able to launch their nuclear arsenal against us. I realize that might sound a bit farfetched to some of you- but it's true. And do you know why it is true? Because the Joint Chiefs of Staff ~~say~~ Tell you that the present strategic nuclear arsenal of the United

States today is satisfactory for deterring the Soviet Union at the present time. And mister, the Joint Chiefs of Staff

have got something you simply do not have- RANK! That's

spelled Capital R-A-N-K. RANK!!! That means private of

Joint Chiefs of Staff tell you that the present strategic

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nuclear arsenal of the United States today is satisfactory for deterring the Soviet Union at the present time- this country's present strategic nuclear arsenal is satisfactory for deterring the Soviet Union at the present time.

But now let me give you what I feel are compelling reasons as to why we should stop building nuclear bombs.

First, you simply can not believe the enormously

*carelessness that goes on in the business. I MEAN you SERIOUSLY*  
*CAN NOT BELIEVE THE CARELESSNESS THAT GOES ON IN THE BUSINESS!*  
~~incompetent manner in which we treat those bombs with.~~

I wouldn't know where to begin to list the almost amusing- if it were not so dangerous- events that besiege the nuclear powers! Let me try to make a small list, though. I know that it simply would be impossible to in any way approach listing one ten thousandth of the wreckless occurrences that have happened- there simply is so much of it- but let me begin. We assemble our bombs in a place that has been leveled by a hailstorm; they are transported in vehicles

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habitually "disintegrate" in mid-air; located in at least one country that has "blackmailed" the United States for storing them there; guarded from thieves in manners that resemble more of a national disgrace than anything else; under the direct custody of drunkards, drug addicts, discipline problems; their radar has failed to be able to tell the difference between the moon coming over the horizon and a Soviet missile attack; etc; etc;etc; etc.

Secondly, it would be to our advantage to stop building nuclear warheads is that it energy to build those things.

It takes more energy than the barrel oil equivalent of what we imported from Iran before the embargo. That has got to be the biggest waste of energy in this country!

No ifs. No ands. No buts. The biggest waste of energy in this country!

Thirdly, it not only increases unemployment but is



highly inflationary.

Fourthly, it creates several of the world's most deadly poisons- which must be contained and isolated from the human environment perfectly for hundreds of thousands of years. Mining, milling, fabricating, enriching, assembling, testing, transporting, and doing all the other things that we do with those bombs is a completely unacceptable health hazard to the general public.

Finally, it could never keep the Soviets, the Chinese, the Viet Cong, or those little green men on Mars from being able ~~if they so desire to be able~~ to kill us.

Sure. Yeah. I hear a lot of you saying. But us military experts- we know all this. We agree with you. It would be nice to suppose we could have faith in the sanity of those big bad boggy men on the other side of the planet- but we don't. Trust us, though. We know how to handle these bombs. We've only used them twice in the

last 35 years that has killed people (this last sentence of theirs is not true as the fallout from the testing does create cancer, leukemia, etc.). And besides, Rockwell International, General Dynamics, Lockheed, etc. has got a lot of money to make in the business. And you know, we just can't let Rockwell lose any money- that simply isn't the American way. What's good for Lockheed is most certainly good for America- isn't it?

~~It is almost enough to make you believe there are a bunch of big bad boggy men on this planet. 'Course I don't necessarily ascribe to your belief that all of those boggy men are in other nations- and other nations alone. There seem to me in my estimation anyway, a fairly large number of such people here. It also seems to me that this is why the Bulletin of Atomic Scientists et. al. fails in convincing anybody we should stop building any more bombs.~~

*R. R. R.*