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Attention Freedom of Information Officer
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Re: Freedom of Information Act Request

Greetings:

Pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. Section 552, as amended, I hereby request access to and the opportunity to copy the following documents which may be in the possession of your office or the whereabouts of which may be known to your office.

1. The full text of the "draft material from our (State Department; Thomas R. Pickering) preliminary studies which we expect to share with the Japanese." sent to the Honorable Henry M. Jackson, Chair Energy and Natural Resources Committee United States Senate.
2. Any and all updated versions of the above named studies, including any data or information acquired subsequently to the report in question.
3. Any and all of the reports, studies, outlines and data upon which this report is based.

The source of the above quotes is a letter from Thomas R. Pickering Assistant Secretary of State to Senator Henry R. Jackson dated September 18, 1979, which you will find enclosed.

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The above information is requested as part of research I am performing for elected public officials so that they may better assess the possible public health hazards to their constituents. Because this research is being performed for the public at large through their elected representatives, I hereby request that any charges for document search and duplication be waived

In the event that these charges are not waived, I request that the reason for this decision be detailed to me in writing. In this case I request further to see the documents requested, rather than having copies made. If any expense in excess of \$25 is incurred in connection with this request please inform me in advance for my approval.

If it is determined that some portion of the above documents are exempt from said release, I request that you provide me with the remainder of said document(s). I hereby reserve my right to appeal any such decisions.

It is my understanding that you will be able to respond to my request within 10 days. I look forward to the receipt of the above information. Should you wish to discuss this matter further my telephone number is (408) 429-2784 at my office.

Yours sincerely,

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

September 18, 1979

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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20585

Dear Senator Jackson:

This letter is to inform you of the next round of discussions which we will have on September 22 with the Japanese on the matter of interim spent fuel storage in the Pacific Basin area. This meeting will review the preliminary studies we have undertaken to date and will be an important step in exploring further with the Japanese the possibility of a joint feasibility study. Of course, we will not be making any agreements at this meeting, however, both the State Department and the Department of Energy want to keep you informed as our discussions proceed.

Enclosed is a draft of material from our preliminary studies which we expect to share with the Japanese. Since this material is in a preliminary working draft stage, I ask that you not make this material publicly available. However, I did want to share our thinking with you at this time. Upon our return from Japan, I and my staff as well as our colleagues in the DOE, would be pleased to brief you and your staff on the discussions and the status of our efforts.

As part of our continuing effort to keep interested parties informed, I will also be stopping in Honolulu on my return to talk with the Governor of Hawaii.

Sincerely,

Thomas R. Pickering

Enclosure

The Honorable
Henry M. Jackson,
Chairman, Energy and Natural Resources Committee,
United States Senate.

cc: The Honorable Mark Hatfield