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Dear Mr. Hickey:

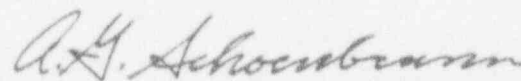
This is in response to your request for public comment regarding the "Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS)" on the construction and operation of the Claiborne Enrichment Center.

I have read the DEIS and find many valid reasons for proceeding with the work. Most compelling among these is the need for an efficient domestic enrichment facility to serve the needs of domestic electric power production. Louisiana Energy Services, the proposed owner and operator, projects the facility production capacity to represent about 17 percent of the estimated U.S. requirement in the year 2000. To the extent that this supply replaces foreign suppliers and sources, the balance of payments problem will be reduced and the reliability and independence of supply will be enhanced. Such developments can only be in the best interests of the United States.

There is no basis in the DEIS for suspecting that the facility would be harmful economically or environmentally to the surrounding community or to the nation as a whole.

For the above reasons, I strongly urge completion of the project.

Very truly yours,



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