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Dear Sir:

I have reviewed information in regard to the Establishment of an uranium enrichment plant in Louisiana using the gas centrifugation process. My comments follow.

I suggest that a location which minimizes the cost and offers increased control of fissionable material is preferable. This location is in South Carolina at the Savannah River Plant. Reasons follow:

- 1) There are far too many United States Government sites where nuclear materials have been processed and which may or may not be slightly contaminated.
- 2) Enriched uranium inventories should be under the control of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.
- 3) Security at Savannah River Plant is already established with approximately 2000 Wackenhut employees paid for by the U. S. Government. Very few if any additional employees should be required.
- 4) There are 20,000 employees at Savannah River Plant who can easily be qualified to operate the new plant. A large number of these people are excess to present needs.
- 5) Department Of Energy employees now at Savannah River Plant can assume additional functions to cover needs for the new plant.
- 6) There is sufficient land to cover needs for the new plant.

Sincerely Yours,

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