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MEMORANDUM FOR LEON PANETTA

FROM: HAZEL R. O'LEARY

Sent to Cabinet Affairs via
Lotus Notes, 9/28, 6:50 p.m.

SUBJECT: Weekly Report

KEY DEPARTMENT INITIATIVES

Status of the Energy and Water Appropriations Bill

We have been working with senior officials at the Office of Management and Budget to develop formulations on the nuclear waste issue which may be acceptable to the Administration. Our goal is to ensure that no site is designated as an interim storage facility without some element of scientific and technical review being conducted.

Today, I met with the chief executive officers of six electric utilities who were in town to discuss the nuclear waste issue with senior Members of Congress. We communicated to them that it was unacceptable to designate a facility as an interim site prior to adequate scientific review. We did discuss our willingness to develop criteria by which a site could be designated. Next week, I will meet with the senior State regulators that comprise the leadership of the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners on the nuclear waste issue.

Announcement on the Provision of Tritium

On October 5, I will announce the Department of Energy's preferred alternatives to meet our Nation's tritium requirements to maintain the nuclear weapons stockpile. We will announce two options for moving ahead. It is my goal that these two options be evaluated over a two-year period to determine the cheapest and most viable alternative before selecting the primary alternative. I will not be announcing the construction of a new large facility. The congressional delegations of Nevada and South Carolina are extremely interested in this issue.

Issues Affecting Rates Charged to Customers in the Pacific Northwest

Today I instructed the Administrator of the Bonneville Power Administration (BPA) to attempt to renegotiate contracts with its aluminum customers over the next few days. Contracts were offered by BPA to its industrial customers with provisions providing permanent relief from any stranded investment costs that may occur on the BPA system as a result of customers leaving the



system to get cheaper power. We believe that this had the potential to damage the interests of smaller customers who may have had to cover the costs of such investments. Given the volatility of such potential rate increases and perceived subsidies provided to larger customers, this issue will receive significant media attention.

The Bonneville Power Administration is governed by the Northwest Power Act. It was passed prior to BPA having to incur significant environmental costs and participating in a far more competitive marketplace. We will call for an amendment to the Act pending review by all of the affected parties in the region.

AGENCY WORK ON PRESIDENTIAL INITIATIVES

Announcement of the Advisory Committee on Human Radiation Experiments Report

Next week, I will participate in an announcement of the Advisory Committee's release of its report on October 3. The report will receive significant media attention. I will participate in several interviews to communicate the Administration's leadership in opening to the public this part of our Nation's scientific history.

OUTREACH

Meeting with the Chief Executive Officers of DOE Contractors

Next week, I will meet with the chief executive officers of contractors that manage our former weapons production facilities. We will discuss issues affecting science and technology, safety, and cost cutting at our facilities.

UPCOMING TRAVEL

Trip to Minnesota, Boston, Westchester, and New York

I will be on domestic travel for approximately one week beginning October 11. I will first make a speech at Hamline University in Minnesota to the International Business and Economic Symposium. My message will focus on the Administration's attempt to open foreign markets to U.S. firms. In Boston, I will speak to the Harvard University Committee on Environment. They are interested in our Administration's initiatives to engage China given that nation's affect on the global environment. I will focus on the Administration's strategy of comprehensive engagement, and trade missions which have opened foreign markets benefitting U.S. business and the global environment.

The following day I will speak to the Greater Boston Chamber of Commerce focusing on investments in energy efficiency to improve business competitiveness. Later I will address the Third Annual Eco Expo Green Business Conference which focuses on the export of environmental technologies. My message will be the Administration's emphasis on opening

environmental technology markets for U.S. firms. Also in Boston, I will address the Women's Leadership Forum of the Democratic National Committee. Over the weekend, I will address the Black Women's Political Caucus in Westchester County, New York, and accept the 1995 Distinguished Women of Achievement Award.

Finally, in New York City I will address the Independent Energy Forum. This forum, which focuses on international power markets, provides an opportunity to discuss our Administration's initiatives in Pakistan, India, China, South Africa, and South America to open international power markets to U.S. businesses.

CONGRESS

Congressional Meetings

Meeting with the Northwest Delegation

Today I met with members of the Northwest Delegation, particularly Oregon and Washington State. This meeting focused on ongoing discussions between the Bonneville Power Administration and its large industrial customers regarding future contracts. The contract negotiations that Bonneville is participating in have the ability to affect the rates charged to various classes of customers in the Pacific Northwest. We are seeking to ensure that the congressional delegation is comfortable with the direction in which the discussions are moving.

Meeting with Congressman Robert Menendez

I will meet with Congressman Robert Menendez on Friday on issues affecting small and minority business contractors in his district.

Congressional Hearings

None scheduled at this time.

MEDIA

Media Coverage, September 21 to September 28

On September 25, I hosted a press conference on the President's decision to keep open the Department of Energy's three weapons labs. We received major coverage in the *Washington Post*, *USA Today*, *New York Times*, *Los Angeles Times*, Associated Press, and Reuters wire services, all the major San Francisco area publications including the *San Francisco Chronicle*, the *Examiner* and the *Oakland Tribune*. We also received wide-spread coverage in other national papers including the *Chicago Tribune*, *Chicago Sun Times*, and the *Minneapolis Star*. Stories also appeared on CNN and National Public Radio and the press conference was broadcast on C-Span.

Deputy Secretary Charles Curtis conducted a telephone press briefing today to discuss the Energy Department's decision to have Bonneville Power Administration renegotiate contracts with major industrial customers. Major media organizations in the upper Northwest covered this press briefing – *Seattle Times*, *Oregonian*, and *Idaho Falls Register*.

Future

Interagency coordination continues for primary and secondary media attention to the human radiation committee's report on October 3.

- We have invitations from *McNeil-Lehrer* and *Techno Politics* for Tuesday, October 3
- Interest has been expressed by *CBS This Morning* and *CNN*
- We anticipate coverage on *NBC Nightly News* and *ABC World News Tonight*.

Joan Lunden's *Behind Closed Doors* featuring the Nuclear Emergency Search Team (NEST) is scheduled to air October 17 at 10:00 p.m. Ms. Lunden and camera crew spent time at the Department of Energy's Albuquerque office, Los Alamos National Laboratory and at an exercise in New Orleans gathering information for the segment.

REGULATORY REFORM

External Requests

Coordination with Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board. The Department continues to work collaboratively with the Defense Nuclear Facility Safety Board (DNFSB) to ensure that the nuclear safety orders incorporated in the accelerated DOE orders reduction effort maintain the Department's nuclear safety envelope. We anticipate responding to all remaining DNFSB concerns before the issuance of the streamlined orders by September 30, 1995.

Upcoming Rules

Accelerated Directives Reduction Effort. The Department has continued to make every effort to successfully complete this order reduction effort aimed at eliminating prescriptive requirements, saving taxpayer dollars, and maintaining public health and safety at DOE facilities. In accordance with the my Performance Agreement with the President, we will achieve a fifty percent reduction in DOE orders by September 30, 1995 -- one year in advance of the deadline established by E. O. 12861.

FOIA ACTIVITY

No significant new Freedom of Information Act requests to report.

SECRETARY AND SUBCABINET SCHEDULES

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October 5, 1995

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MEMORANDUM FOR LEON PANETTA

FROM: HAZEL R. O'LEARY

SUBJECT: Weekly Report

KEY DEPARTMENT INITIATIVES

Announcement on the Provision of Tritium

As I have communicated over the last two weeks, the Department will announce its preferred alternatives to meet its tritium requirements to maintain the nuclear weapons stockpile. The announcement will be on October 10, 1995, instead of October 5, 1995, allowing for additional congressional communication.

Issues Affecting Rates Charged to Customers in the Pacific Northwest

Last week I directed the Administrator of the Bonneville Power Administration (BPA) to renegotiate contracts with its large customers. Since last week's report, the decision as to how to proceed changed based upon extensive consultation with the Northwest Congressional Delegation. A more lengthy memorandum on this subject and the status of Bonneville will be sent to you in the near future.

The final decision made last week instructed the Administrator of BPA to accept agreements with their large customers that had committed to take 80 percent of their current capacity levels from BPA. These agreements ensure that there will not be significant load loss, provides adequate revenue for Bonneville to meet its environmental requirements, and stabilizes Bonneville's economic base. Many in the region will not like the fact that these large customers were provided protection from potential stranded investment costs that may be incurred by some Bonneville customers if large customers leave the system. However, the assurance of revenue associated with concluding the contracts provides greater certainty than renegotiating the contracts would have. The Northwest Congressional Delegation was consulted along the way on this decision.



AGENCY WORK ON PRESIDENTIAL INITIATIVES

Potential Press Opportunity on the Rural Impact on Republican Budget Cuts

Next Tuesday, I will be in Minnesota to make a speech on international trade issues. I will participate in a press availability detailing the impact of the Republican budget cuts on rural America.

OUTREACH

Africare

I will participate on October 19, 1995, in several events sponsored by Africare. This organization plays a major role in assisting the Administration in its African initiatives. Events include a prayer breakfast with Africare and the Congressional Black Caucus, a luncheon hosted by Vice President Gore at the State Department, and a dinner. Africare was extremely helpful to the Administration through the Department's recent trade mission to South Africa.

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Over the weekend, I will address the Black Women's Political Caucus in Westchester County, New York, and accept the 1995 Distinguished Women of Achievement Award. These events provide the opportunity to address our Administration's commitment to diversity and issues important to women. Finally, in New York I will address the Independent Energy Forum. This forum focuses on international power markets and provides an opportunity to discuss our

Administration's initiatives in Pakistan, India, China, South Africa, and South America to open international power markets for U.S. firms.

UPCOMING SPEECHES

Kennedy and King Annual Dinner of the Washington Democratic National Committee

I will address the district chapter of the Democratic National Committee on Friday, October 20.

CONGRESS

Congressional Hearings

None at this time.

MEDIA

Media Coverage, September 28 to October 5

Following the Tuesday, October 3 White House press briefing on the final report on radiation experiments, I hosted a press briefing at the Mayflower Hotel. The briefings received nationwide media coverage: *New York Times*, *Washington Post*, and *USA Today* previewed the announcement. On October 4, coverage included the *Los Angeles Times*, *New York Times*, *Washington Post*, *USA Today*, the ABC Nightly News and MacNeil-Lehrer. Regional papers carried similar stories: *New York Daily News*, *Dallas Morning News*, *Baltimore Sun*, *Charlotte Observer*, *Atlanta Constitution*, *St. Louis Post-Dispatch*, *Kansas City Star*, *San Francisco Chronicle*, *Philadelphia Inquirer*, *Seattle Post-Intelligencer*, *Arizona Republic*, *Rocky Mountain News*, *Newark Star-Ledger*, and others. Also, I had interviews with Fox Morning News and the BBC World Services.

Future

I plan an announcement on the production of tritium for Tuesday, October 10. We expect a moderate media turnout with the impact largely regional in South Carolina, New Mexico, and Nevada:

Energy Awareness Month Kick Off --At the kick off, I will announce that October is Energy Awareness Month. The event will be held in front of the Department of Energy headquarters building and feature the winning MIT Sunrayce team as well as finalists from George Washington University and University of Maryland. We will also invite local Junior Solar Sprint participants to bring their model solar cars. Media targets primarily include local Washington television as well as Boston press.

Energy Nuclear Emergency Nuclear Search Team -- Joan Lunden's "Behind Closed Doors" featuring the Department of Energy's Nuclear Emergency Search Team is scheduled to air October 17 at 10 p.m. Ms. Lunden and camera crew spent time at Los Alamos National Laboratory (New Mexico) and at an exercise in New Orleans while gathering information for the segment.

REGULATORY REFORM

External Requests

- *Roll out of Department's Directives Reduction Effort* -- I met today with the Chief Executive Officers of the Department's principal management and operating (M&O) contractors and, among other things, provided them with a briefing on the results of our accelerated effort to streamline existing directives and orders. Of the 26 orders designated by the Department's contractors as "most burdensome," DOE has completed revision of 25 and will complete revision of the remaining order during fiscal year 1996. While the Department remains committed to continuous review and improvement of its remaining directives, we have successfully fulfilled the Department's commitment to its M&O contractors.

Upcoming Actions

- *Accelerated Reduction of DOE Orders and Directives* -- The Department has successfully completed the accelerated reduction of its internal directives by 50 percent by September 30, 1995, in fulfillment of my Performance Agreement with the President. Of the original base of 312 orders at the beginning of this Administration, 156 have been eliminated. In the process, we believe that the Department has balanced the desire of its contractors, National Laboratories, and field organizations to eliminate unnecessary burdens with the need to maintain the health and safety envelope for DOE facilities and activities.

The resulting transition will be managed to assure adequate protection of health and safety throughout the DOE complex. The Department is prepared to respond expeditiously to contractor-proposed modification to contracts that would delete old "command and control" requirements and incorporate the performance-based requirements of the revised orders.

- *Western Area Power Administration Energy Planning and Management Program* -- The Department's Western Area Power Administration (WAPA) will issue a final rule establishing an energy planning and management program. The goal of this program is to require planning and efficient energy use by WAPA's long-term firm power customers. This will assure greater stability in planning for future resources use by WAPA's customers. This rule was developed as a result of intensive stakeholder involvement, which included public scoping meetings on a related environmental impact Statement. This

rule also implements the Energy Policy Act of 1992, which required the preparation of integrated resource plans by WAPA customers.

FOIA ACTIVITY

No new Freedom of Information Act requests of interest to report.

SECRETARY AND SUB-CABINET SCHEDULES

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October 12, 1995

MEMORANDUM FOR LEON PANETTA

FROM: HAZEL R. O'LEARY

Sent to Cabinet Affairs
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SUBJECT: Weekly Report

KEY DEPARTMENT INITIATIVES

Nobel Physics and Chemistry Laureates Supported by DOE

The Department and its predecessor agencies funded the research by 1995 Nobel Prize winners in chemistry, Dr. Mario Molina and Dr. F. Sherwood Rowland who discovered the connection between CFCs and stratospheric ozone depletion. Physics prize winner Dr. Martin Perl, an employee of the Department's Stanford Linear Accelerator Center (SLAC) in California, discovered the tau lepton particle there. Dr. Frederick Reines was an employee of the Los Alamos National Laboratory in New Mexico when he discovered the neutrino particle using a reactor at the Department's Savannah River Plant in Aiken, South Carolina. The Department of Energy's high energy and nuclear physics program has funded their research extensively throughout their careers.

Announcement on Tritium

As previously noted, we announced this week a dual-track strategy to assure a new tritium source for the United States' nuclear deterrent. Under this preferred strategy, the Department of Energy will work on two promising production options: (1) the use of an existing commercial light water reactor and (2) the construction of a linear accelerator.

We identified the Savannah River Site in South Carolina as the preferred site, if an accelerator is ultimately selected as the primary production option, because of the site's longstanding expertise and capabilities in handling tritium. Much of the research and development work on the accelerator will be carried out at the Los Alamos National Laboratory in New Mexico over the next few years. If we decide to rely on an existing reactor, there are a number of utilities across the Nation that would likely express interest. We have already had initial inquiries from companies in Georgia, Tennessee, and California. The Department plans to release a final Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement (PEIS) on Tritium Supply and Recycle later this month, which will support a Record of Decision, scheduled to be issued in November.

AGENCY WORK ON PRESIDENTIAL INITIATIVES

Press Opportunity on the Rural Impact of Republican Budget Cuts

On Tuesday, I addressed the International Business and Economic at Hamline University in St. Paul, Minnesota, on international trade issues. I participated in press availability detailing the impact of the Republican budget cuts on rural America.

OUTREACH

Africare

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UPCOMING SPEECHES

Kennedy and King Annual Dinner of the Washington Democratic National Committee

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CONGRESS

House Wednesday Group

I will meet with the House Wednesday Group on Wednesday, October 18. The House Wednesday Group is a 40-year-old caucus which has traditionally served as a forum for moderate Republicans. There are currently 89 incumbent members of Congress in the group (and many former members). The Wednesday Group is chaired by Representative Jennifer Dunn, R-WA.

I will discuss the DOE Strategic Alignment and downsizing in general. I will focus specifically on DOE efforts to cut costs and reinvent government, environmental cleanup efforts, alternative energy sources, the importance of energy research and development, and what our international competitors are doing in energy R&D.

MEDIA

Tritium Production Coverage

October 10 I held a press conference on tritium production. There were about 20 reporters from

regional as well as trade publications. We received major coverage in the *Washington Post*, *New York Times*, *USA Today*, Associated Press, and Reuters. We received regional press coverage in Georgia, South Carolina, Tennessee, New Mexico, Nevada and Texas. In addition, I was interviewed by *Science* magazine.

Energy Awareness Month

Also, on October 10, we kicked-off Energy Awareness Month. Local News Channel 8 and energy trade press covered the festivities. The event featured the winning Massachusetts Institute of Technology Sunrayce team as well as finalists from the George Washington University and the University of Maryland and middle school students who participated in the Junior Solar Sprint race. Sunrayce and Junior Solar Sprint are solar car programs sponsored by the Department.

Hamline Speech on National Public Radio

National Public Radio will broadcast my speech at Hamline University sometime this week.

Boston Events

Today I presented an award to the Massachusetts Energy Efficiency Council for the Rebuild Boston Energy Initiative. This evening I am speaking to the Harvard University Committee on Environment about energy investment in Asia. Media coverage is expected. I will also tape an interview with National Public Radio's *Living on the Earth* program to be aired Friday evening on WETA-FM in Washington. Topics of discussion include: global energy and environmental markets, prospects for development of clean energy sources, proposals to abolish DOE, impacts of budget cuts.

Friday, I will speak on energy investments in Asia to the Greater Boston Chamber of Commerce Breakfast Forum. I will also deliver the keynote address at the Third Annual Eco Expo Green Business Conference. Monday I will be in New York to speak at the Independent Energy Forum.

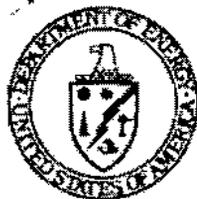
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No significant new Freedom of Information Act requests have been received.

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October 19, 1995

MEMORANDUM FOR LEON PANETTA

FROM: HAZEL R. O'LEARY

Sent to Cabinet Affairs
via Lotus Notes 10/19 6:30

SUBJECT: Weekly Report

KEY DEPARTMENT INITIATIVES

Travel to New York on the 50th Anniversary of the United Nations

I will travel to New York to participate in several important events with Heads of State who will be in New York to celebrate the 50th Anniversary of the United Nations. I will attend the reception hosted by the President and First Lady Sunday evening.

• **Meeting with the Financial Community and President Figueres of Costa Rica**

I will participate in an event with President Figueres of Costa Rica, the electric power industry, and the financial community. President Figueres is interested in raising capital to finance innovative environmental projects to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. As this is a new concept, we will discuss these matters with the financial community and private sector to determine how best to move ahead and attract capital for such projects.

• **Meeting with Prime Minister Bhutto of Pakistan**

I will meet with Prime Minister Bhutto. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the status of U.S. private sector investment in Pakistan and how various projects are moving ahead from our trade mission of last year. We will also discuss the current status of congressional attempts to amend the press for amendment.

• **Meeting with President Aliyev of Azerbaijan**

I will meet with President Aliyev in New York. We will be discussing his recent decision to develop multiple pipelines to export oil developed from the Caspian Sea. I recognize that President Clinton is also meeting with President Aliyev and will work to coordinate talking points and messages for the meeting.

Agreement with the Foundries Industry to Coordinate Research and Development

I will sign an agreement with the chief executive officers of the foundry industry next week. The industry has agreed to develop a research and development program to address its most significant future challenges. The Department will coordinate its research and development activities with the industry to ensure that the greatest efficiencies and results are achieved. The foundry industry is extremely energy intensive. To date, we have reached similar agreements with the steel and paper industries. These represent three of the largest energy using industries in the country. We will ensure congressional involvement and regional media where the industry employs significant numbers of people.

AGENCY WORK ON PRESIDENTIAL INITIATIVES

Follow Up to the Summit of the Americas

I will host, in conjunction with the Energy Minister of Venezuela, a follow-up meeting to the Summit of the Americas. The purpose of this meeting is to develop principles to guide sustainable energy development in the Hemisphere and coordinate energy policy between nations. There are significant opportunities for the private sector in the region and private sector leaders will be in attendance. I will host a dinner on Sunday evening, chair various breakout sessions over a two-day period, and reach agreement with thirty-four energy ministers on how to move forward our common agenda.

UPCOMING SPEECHES

Speech to the Annual Kennedy and King Dinner of the Washington, D.C. Democratic National Committee

I will speak at the Annual Kennedy and King Dinner on Friday evening. I will receive the Chairman's Award for meritorious service. I will discuss our Administration's initiatives to ensure diversity and the create of opportunity for all citizens during this speech.

Speech to the Women's Council on Energy and the Environment

I will speak to this group next week and receive their Woman of the Year Award.

OUTREACH

Meeting with Betsy Myers

I will meet with Betsy Myers next week to discuss various initiatives and events I can participate in to further our Administration's goals with women.

Reception Hosted by the Democratic Senate Campaign Committee

I will participate in the DSCC reception and dinner on November 1.

Meeting Leon Panetta and Governor Kitzhaber of Oregon

I will participate in a meeting with you and the Governor of Oregon on Western issues next week. It is likely that the Governor will want to discuss the progress in cleaning up our Hanford Site in Washington State, formerly our largest weapons production facility.

Meeting with the President of Chad

I will meet with the President of Chad next week. He will be in town following the 50th Anniversary of the United Nations. We will likely discuss various energy initiatives in the country and further cooperative activities between our nations.

Meeting with the President of Ghana

Similarly, I will meet with the President of Ghana on similar issues.

Meeting with the President of Georgia

I will meet with President Shevardnadze. We will discuss President Aliyev's recent decision to construct a pipeline through Georgia to Turkey to export oil developed from the Caspian.

CONGRESS

Congressional Meetings

I will meet with Senator Hatfield next week. We will discuss issues affecting the Bonneville Power Administration and its impact on the region.

Congressional Hearings

None at this time.

MEDIA COVERAGE

Nobel Prize Winners

The Chemistry and Physics Nobel Prize winners were associated with Department of Energy

through laboratories and grants. We released a statement to the media, complimenting winners, and noting their affiliation. Our statement was included in regional coverage: *Rocky Mountain News*, *Newark Star Ledger*, *San Francisco Chronicle* and the *Examiner*, *Albuquerque Journal* and the *Monitor*, and the *New Mexican*.

Nuclear Emergency Search Team

Behind Closed Doors with Joan Lunden aired on ABC Tuesday, October 17. The segment discussed the rationale and workings of the Nuclear Emergency Search Team (NEST). Ms. Lunden and crew had visited Los Alamos, Lawrence Livermore, and an exercise in New Orleans last year for preparation of this segment. The Departments of Energy and Defense and the FBI received very positive coverage.

Africare Events

I attended the Africare luncheon hosted by Vice President Gore at the Department of State. I will also offer remarks at the Africare dinner tonight. Media is expected.

Upcoming Media

- October 20, I will speak at the 8th Annual Kennedy and King Dinner at the Washington Hyatt Regency Hotel. Press is expected.
- October 22, I will travel to New York for the President's Reception for Heads of State at the New York Public Library.
- October 25, I will receive the Woman of the Year Award for the Women's Council on Energy and Environment. Trade press coverage is expected.

REGULATORY ACTION

External Requests

The Department has submitted its final Regulatory Plan and Agenda entries for publication later this month. The Department's Regulatory Plan highlights the Department's response to the President's challenge to help create a government that works better and costs less. In particular, the DOE's Regulatory Plan reflects our commitment to streamline our regulations, increase stakeholder involvement, and incorporate consensus and cooperation mechanisms in the process of developing regulatory proposals and achieving our mission objectives.

For example, the Department has committed to eliminating 33 percent of its pages in the Code of Federal Regulations and to date has eliminated 21 percent (454 pages) of its CFR pages.

Upcoming Actions

The Department will publish an Interim Policy Statement on Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) in furtherance of its commitment to use ADR for resolving disputes in a fair, timely, and cost-efficient manner. The Department has established an Office of Dispute Resolution to encourage and coordinate ADR efforts within DOE. The Interim Policy Statement supports the flexible use of all ADR processes, including mediation, neutral evaluation, negotiated rulemakings, partnering, mini-trials, and arbitration.

FOIA ACTIVITY

No significant new Freedom of Information Act requests to report.

SECRETARY AND SUB-CABINET SCHEDULES

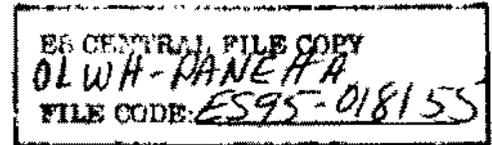
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MEMORANDUM FOR LEON PANETTA

FROM: HAZEL R. O'LEARY

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Affairs via Lotus Notes

SUBJECT: Weekly Report

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KEY DEPARTMENT INITIATIVES

Joint Signing Ceremony between the Department of Energy and the Department of Agriculture

Today, Secretary Dan Glickman and I signed a joint agreement committing the Departments of Energy and Agriculture to work together to develop agricultural resources. This signing unites our top scientific and technological talent in a unique research and development collaboration. The Department of Energy's laboratories have the capability to enhance agricultural production and develop energy sources from agricultural products. The agriculture community strongly supports this initiative, as do several Members of Congress. Congressman Stenholm, Congresswoman Lambert and Senator Craig participated in this event.

Shutdown of the Chernobyl Nuclear Power Plant

Today, I met with several members of the financial community to discuss potential options to finance new power sources that will be required after the Chernobyl Nuclear Power Plant has been closed. This is an important nuclear safety initiative that is strongly supported by our Administration. At present, Ukraine does not believe that the G-7 has put forth viable options capable of replacing the power produced by Chernobyl that are practical to finance. I made this commitment to the Ukrainian Minister in September, while chairing the U.S. delegation to the annual International Atomic Energy Agency meeting.

AGENCY WORK ON PRESIDENTIAL INITIATIVES

Results of the Energy Follow-up to the Summit of the Americas Conference

Earlier this week I hosted energy ministers from our Hemisphere to follow up on the energy initiatives agreed to last December in Miami. Energy Ministers and senior representatives from 27 countries met with energy experts and private sector representatives from the Hemisphere to discuss key energy issues and develop recommendations for cooperation to promote sustainable energy development. The conference achieved significant results. Each of ten breakout sessions agreed on several outcomes and recommended next steps for cooperation. These outcomes all

fell within the framework themes of free markets and market-based policies. To facilitate follow-up, the ministers proposed institutionalizing energy cooperation in preparation for the 1996 Hemispheric Summit on Sustainable Development to be held in Bolivia.

At the conclusion of the two-day meeting, four agreements were signed:

- The World Bank, Inter-American Development Bank, and the United Nations Development Program signed a Joint Statement committing to cooperate on a work program to support market-oriented sustainable energy development, including project preparation assistance, capacity-building and regulatory assistance.
- The Governments of Bolivia and the United States signed a Statement of Intent to cooperate on Joint Implementation under the Framework Convention on Climate Change, which provides a framework for private sector partnerships on projects that reduce greenhouse gases.
- Two U.S. companies signed cooperative statements with the Governments of Honduras and Nicaragua, respectively, to develop geothermal energy resources.

UPCOMING TRAVEL

Travel to Indiana and Louisiana

Next week, I will travel to Terra Haute, Indiana. I will dedicate a new plant utilizing the Department's clean coal technology. There will be a large ceremony. This represents one of the first technological applications from the Department's clean coal technology.

I also travel to Louisiana to participate in several events for Congressman Cleo Fields, including three fund-raisers in a 24-hour period to support his Gubernatorial campaign. In addition, I will attend a fund-raiser for Sam Nunez, President of the State Senate.

Travel to Denver, Colorado

Next week, I will travel to Denver, Colorado, for the Department's annual Environment, Safety and Health Conference for our Federal and management and operating contractors with responsibility for our former weapons facilities. Following this event, I will make a speech to the Colorado Oil and Gas Association and highlight our Administration's initiatives that have benefitted the industry.

Fundraising

I will participate in two fund-raisers at the request of the Democratic National Committee. Following my speech to the oil and gas industry in Denver, there will be a fund-raiser with the

Energy Community. I will also participate in a fund-raiser for the African-American community that will be sponsored by the State Democratic Committee.

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UPCOMING SPEECHES

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CONGRESS

Congressional Meetings and Hearings

None at this time.

MEDIA

Energy/Agriculture Memorandum of Understanding

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On October 26 I hosted a press conference on contract reform, announcing the winner of the new contract for the Nevada Test Site and the decision to conduct sub-critical experiments with

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REGULATORY ACTION

External Requests

Regulatory Briefing for House Commerce Committee Staff. The Department has been requested to participate as part of an Administration briefing for House Commerce Committee staff on the possible agency impacts of H.R. 994, the "Regulatory Sunset and Review Act of 1995." The Department has conservatively estimated that the resource impact of the bill could be \$6 million and six full-time equivalents annually. In addition, the bill would duplicate work already underway through National Performance Review-related reviews of existing regulations.

Upcoming Actions

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FOIA ACTIVITY

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In addition, I will meet with Governor Romer to discuss political matters and departmental issues that affect Colorado, such as clean up of the Rocky Flats facility and downsizing of the Western Area Power Administration.

I will also visit the Department's National Renewable Energy Laboratory (NREL). This will provide an opportunity to contrast our Administration's position in support of renewable and energy efficient technologies with the actions recently taken by the Republican Congress. At the time of my visit, the laboratory will be forced to lay off ten percent of its staff due to Republican budget cuts. This should gain press attention given NREL's importance to the local region. While in Colorado, I will also participate in fund-raisers with the minority community and Colorado industry attending.

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Privatization of the National Institute for Petroleum Research Facility

The Department will announce on Monday the first step in privatizing the National Institute for Petroleum Research (NIPER) located in Bartlesville, Oklahoma. This facility currently performs research and development for the fossil energy industry. As we privatize NIPER, we will consolidate Federal employees who manage oil and gas research and development projects (currently conducted at Bartlesville and Morgantown, West Virginia) in Golden, Colorado.

First Meeting of the Western Issues Subgroup

Next week will be the first meeting of the Western Issues Subgroup which includes representatives from the Departments of Energy, Commerce, and the Treasury and the Office of Management and Budget to discuss issues surrounding the future of the Bonneville Power Administration.

Deputy Secretary Curtis in Azerbaijan

Deputy Secretary Charles Curtis will be in Azerbaijan to celebrate an agreement between Pennzoil and Azerbaijan to further develop its energy resources. This deal is valued at over \$1.5 billion.

CONGRESS

Upcoming Congressional Testimony

November 22, I will testify before the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence to discuss our Administration's nonproliferation and counter-proliferation initiatives. This hearing provides an opportunity to discuss our accomplishments in securing Russian nuclear materials and other high profile nonproliferation matters.

Congressional Outreach

Meeting with Congressman Hoke

Next week I will meet with Congressman Hoke of Ohio. He has been the leader in criticizing my travel activities. He has continued to misstate that I have traveled first class at taxpayer expense. I have called him to state that he is misinformed on these issues, and this meeting will focus on those matters. I will also discuss his concern over the Department's stewardship of the Nation's nuclear deterrent.

MEDIA

A series of press conferences and briefings on topics such as Advanced Turbine System (ATS) and the economic and environmental benefits of clean coal technology were held in Indiana today.

While in Louisiana, in addition to media attention for my events for Congressman Fields, there will be coverage at an event at which I will present computers to Baton Rouge public schools.

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Upcoming hearing on Media Analysis Service Hired by the Department of Energy

Friday, November 17, I will testify at a joint hearing before the Oversight and Investigations and Energy and Power Subcommittees of the House Commerce Committee about the recent story of the Department's hiring of a media analysis service called CARMA. The president of the company will also testify, as well as Michael Gauldin, former Director of Public Affairs. We have met several times with White House Counsel and coordinated all of the facts that are being developed after an extensive records search. I have met with most of the committee leadership that will participate in the hearing. Even though I believe it will be a long hearing, I believe the facts will show that there were no improprieties or any other preconceived malice prior to the letting of the purchase orders hiring CARMA. We have coordinated extensively with appropriate White House offices on this matter.

Major Privatization Initiative at the Hanford Site

Monday, November 20, the Department will release a draft request for proposals (RFP) for a contract to construct and operate a facility for the treatment of contaminated liquid wastes stored at a tank farm at the Hanford Site in Washington. This privatization initiative will allow the waste to be transferred from their current liquid form to a safer more stable solid form for storage. At an annual cost of about \$600 million, the treatment of this waste is the single most costly project in the DOE complex. We expect that with such a competition project, a private firm will yield a 30 percent cost savings.

The Department will address several outstanding issues in the draft RFP including appropriate regulatory strategy and protection provisions for incumbent union employees. Members of the public will have the opportunity to comment on these and other issues related to this RFP until January 2, 1996. The Department hopes to award the contract by fall 1996. This privatization initiative will serve as a model of this Administration's efforts to increase the efficiency and cost effectiveness of the Federal Government.

AGENCY WORK ON PRESIDENTIAL INITIATIVES

Trip to South Africa with Vice President Gore

I will travel to South Africa with Vice President Gore on November 29. This is the first meeting of the U.S. and South Africa Binational Commission. I chair the Energy Committee of the Commission. After taking part in the Commission meeting, I will travel to a township near Capetown to meet with investors that we have lined up to participate in a fast track project in Guguletu. This project is a feasibility study with U.S. laboratories and private sector firms to determine investment opportunities in this township.

CONGRESS

Congressional Hearings

November 17, 10:00 a.m., House Commerce Committee, Subcommittee on Energy and Power and Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations. Department of Energy witness: Secretary O'Leary. Subject: Media Content Analysis Contract.

MEDIA

Media Coverage, November 9-16

Last Thursday, November 9, an article appeared in the *Wall Street Journal* regarding a media analysis service to which the Department of Energy subscribed. Intense media interest has been negative.

REGULATORY ACTION

External Requests

Interim Waiver from Furnace Test Procedures. In response to a petition from Consolidated Industries, the Department is granting an interim waiver from its furnace test procedures subject to receipt of public comments. The Department is required to prescribe standardized energy consumption test procedures to assist consumers in making home appliance purchasing decisions. In cases where a particular model of appliance contains characteristics that prevent testing or when the prescribed procedures would not accurately reflect the products true energy consumption, the Department may grant an interim waiver if the applicant would experience economic hardship if the application were denied.

Upcoming Actions

Energy Efficiency Incentives through Rebuild America Program Solicitation. The Department has published a notice of intent to issue a competitive solicitation to make multiple awards to regional or community-wide public or private sector groups to accelerate the use of cost-effective, energy efficiency improvements in commercial and multifamily residential housing. This action is part of the Administration's Climate Change Action Plan to reduce energy use in buildings and lower greenhouse gas emissions. Recipients of the awards will be expected to apply retrofit energy efficiency improvements, integrate and enhance existing energy efficiency improvement programs and capital investment resources in their community, and ensure that the planned activities will continue without additional DOE funding.

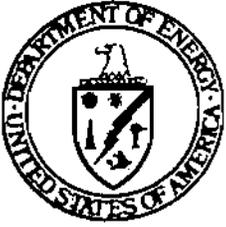
Western Area Power Administration Negotiated Rate Methodology. The Deputy Secretary of Energy has approved, on an interim basis, the rate methodology for the Western Area Power Administration's Boulder Canyon Project, subject to final approval by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission. The interim rate methodology is the result of successful negotiations between the Western Area Power Administration, the Department of the Interior's Bureau of Reclamation, and the Boulder Canyon Project contractors.

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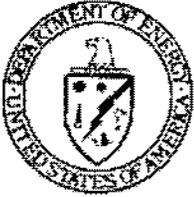
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KEY DEPARTMENTAL NEWS

Continued Press on Travel

Regional press continues to carry reports based upon the Sunday *Los Angeles Times* article about my travel. I believe the story is finally beginning to decline in prominence based upon the Vice President's and White House's strong support of me during this time. We will continue to coordinate all requests for media and strategic decisions with Cabinet Affairs, the White House Press Office, and the Counsel's office.

Travel to Florida

I will travel to Florida Sunday to participate in the fund raiser for Congresswoman Meek and make the commencement address at Florida International University, which is a prominent Hispanic institution.

PRESIDENTIAL INITIATIVES

Mayoral Conference Call on President's Seven-Year Balanced Budget Plan

Tomorrow I will participate in a conference call with Mayor Elihu Harris of Oakland, California. This is part of the message amplification effort underway to advocate the President's seven-year balanced budget plan. This call was postponed, and others with the mayors of Sacramento and San Jose were canceled, due to the severe storm that hit northern California earlier this week.

Progress on South African Energy Issues

South African Minister of Mineral and Energy Affairs R. W. "Pik" Botha and I reported extraordinary progress and aggressive plans in the Energy Committee report to the U.S./South Africa Binational Commission meeting chaired by Vice President Gore and Deputy President Mbeki. Our report was focused on efforts that can meet the South African Reconstruction and Development Program goals. It cited several fast-track projects, including investment-friendly policy and regulatory framework initiatives as well as projects that advance rural electrification,

oil and gas investment, clean fuels for homes, and the peaceful uses of nuclear energy. The report also detailed the ambitious work the committee is pursuing to build technical and scientific capacity in South Africa and the implement successful diversity programs within the government.

CONGRESS

Congressional Hearings

Testimony on Nuclear Waste Policy

I testified today before the Senate Energy Committee on the Administration's Nuclear Waste Policy. Testimony was coordinated widely with appropriate White House Offices and others with interest in the issue. Although controversial, the hearing was not as difficult as had been expected

Congressional Meetings

None scheduled at this time.

MEDIA

Sunday, December 10 the *Los Angeles Times* printed a story on my travel. The media has been covering this all week. The Department has worked to promote the job and investment benefits of the trips.

UPCOMING SPEECHES

I will make remarks to the Electric Vehicle Association of America. This provides a forum to discuss Administration energy and environmental initiatives to the electric power and auto industries.

REGULATORY ACTION

Upcoming Actions

Eligibility Requirements for Foreign Company Participation in R&D. The Department will publish a Final Rule to impose eligibility requirements on U.S. and foreign companies participating in research and development programs covered under the Energy Policy Act of 1992. These regulations will guide implementing DOE officials in making special eligibility determinations for grants and cooperative agreements relating to research, development, demonstration, and commercialization programs in diverse areas of energy efficiency, energy supply, and related basic research.

FOIA ACTIVITY

Following the *Los Angeles Times* article, CBS and the Associated Press have submitted Freedom of Information Act requests for travel-related documents.

SECRETARY AND SUB-CABINET SCHEDULES

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The Secretary of Energy
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MEMORANDUM FOR LEON PANETTA

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The National Ignition Facility Supports U.S. Nonproliferation Goals

Today I announced my decision to proceed with initial design of the National Ignition Facility (NIF). The facility, which will be the world's largest laser, is a key component of the Administration's Science-Based Stockpile Stewardship Program. The National Ignition Facility allows for the maintenance of the nuclear weapons stockpile without nuclear testing.

Congressman Dellums had raised concerns last year as to the potential adverse impacts on the Administration's nonproliferation objectives. In response to these concerns, the Department completed a study which concluded that the National Ignition Facility supports the Administration's goals in nonproliferation and supports U.S. participation in the Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty consistent with the President's announcement of August 11, 1995. The facility will study physics conditions very similar to those in nuclear weapons and in stars as well as addressing specific issues about performance of existing nuclear weapons. Prior to making this decision, the Department held public meetings, performed technical analyses that received technical review by outside experts, and worked closely with other agencies.

The preferred location for this facility is the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory in Livermore, California. The NIF will create an estimated 2,000 construction jobs and 1,000 jobs in the long term. Members of the California congressional delegation along with the Chairmen and Ranking Minority Members of the House and Senate Committees on National Security have been notified of this decision.

Foreign Research Reactor Fuel Environmental Impact Statement

The Department of Energy, in cooperation with the Department of State, is preparing the *Environmental Impact Statement on a Proposed Nuclear Weapons Nonproliferation Policy Concerning Foreign Research Reactor Spent Nuclear Fuel* to determine whether the United States should implement a new policy for management of spent fuel from foreign research reactors. The understanding in the Atoms for Peace Program was that fuel would be returned to

the United States. All of the spent fuel covered by the proposed policy contains uranium that was enriched in the United States. Much of this uranium is highly enriched (nuclear-weapons grade) uranium. This action supports the Administration's nonproliferation goals through the removal of highly enriched uranium from civilian commerce worldwide. A successful program of returning this fuel to the United States would send a positive message to the Russian and Chinese governments regarding converting their reactors from high enriched fuel, capable of producing fissile material, to low enriched fuel.

The Department is currently in the process of developing the preferred alternative for the Environmental Impact Statement and expects to issue the final Environmental Impact Statement within a month. The Record of Decision for the Environmental Impact Statement would be issued after the 30-day waiting period required by regulation. Implementation of this policy would result in between 60 and 840 shipments of this foreign spent fuel to the United States for storage in South Carolina and Idaho beginning in 1996.

Regional media coverage is expected in States with DOE facilities when this preferred alternative is selected either Friday or next week.

Strategy for Reducing the Work Force at the Department's Facilities

Senior Department officials met this week with the representatives of congressional districts that will experience work force reductions as a result of budget reductions directed by Congress. As a result of these budget cuts the Department will be forced to reduce employment at several of its facilities nationwide. Members of Congress and staff were made aware of these imminent cuts this week. The Department will implement mechanisms to lessen the impacts of these reductions on workers and their families and the communities surrounding the facilities. The States that will be affected by these reductions include Washington, Ohio, Colorado, Tennessee, South Carolina, Nevada, and New Mexico.

CONGRESS

Congressional Meetings

None scheduled at this time

MEDIA

Monday, December 18, I spoke at the Florida International University Pre-Commencement in Miami. I also met with several reporters, including the Associated Press. The story was picked up in the *Las Vegas Review-Journal*, the *Tampa Tribune*, the *Miami Herald* and the *Sacramento Bee*.

Gary Lee of the *Washington Post*, who has covered the agency for several years, is working on an in-depth profile.

National Public Radio is working on a story that in part, emphasizes environmental benefits of trade missions. It is scheduled for this week.

We are expecting a probably uncomplimentary but fair article in the *Washington Post* on civilian nuclear waste by Curt Suplee (possibly Sunday, December 24). *USA Today* is also working on a critical piece relating to cleanup of the nuclear weapons sites expected to run this week.

REGULATORY ACTION

None to report this week.

FOIA ACTIVITY

Several additional Freedom of Information Act requests regarding travel have been received.

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