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The Under Secretary of Energy
Washington, DC 20585

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MEMORANDUM FOR DAN PONEMAN, SPECIAL ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT
AND SENIOR DIRECTOR FOR NONPROLIFERATION AND
EXPORT CONTROLS, NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

COIT BLACKER, SPECIAL ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT
AND SENIOR DIRECTOR FOR RUSSIAN, UKRAINIAN,
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FROM:

CHARLES B. CURTIS, UNDER SECRETARY

SUBJECT:

COMMENTS ON DRAFT PDD ON NIS NUCLEAR SECURITY

Thank you for providing the draft PDD on NIS nuclear security to the Department of Energy for its review and comment. The Department of Energy agrees with the overall outline of the directive. However, the Department has several comments. In general, we believe that to achieve the most effective implementation of the effort, it is imperative that all agencies agree on who will accept primary responsibility for each action. There are several tasks which have been assigned to other agencies which will be necessarily dependent upon DOE expertise and resources to be successfully implemented. This violates the principle agreed upon last year by the interagency to match responsibilities to capability and budget.

W. H. ...
Given the urgent nature of the nuclear security problem we face in the NIS, it is important that the PDD provide a strong framework for action that leaves no question about roles and responsibilities inside the U.S. Government. In order for the United States to make rapid progress in this effort, the PDD must minimize bureaucratic friction.

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