

July 19, 1982

Honorable James B. Edwards
Secretary
Department of Energy
Washington, D.C. 20585

Dear Mr. Secretary:


The Department of Energy recently announced that it intends to contract out the operations of the Forrestal Message Center and ADP Services. While some government activities may be more economically performed by the private sector, I am concerned that in this instance there may be overriding factors which require in-house performance.

It is my understanding that the operation of the message center involves the handling of highly sensitive communications. Since the protection of classified information is of utmost importance to our national security, careful consideration should be given prior to any decision to turn over these responsibilities to a firm outside the government.

I, therefore, request that you provide this Subcommittee within 10 days the justification for your planned actions including any analysis of the risk involved in contracting out such activities, the cost comparison analysis and a description of all current and proposed contracts with the intended contractor.

Your cooperation is appreciated.

Sincerely,


JACK BROOKS
Chairman

Mr. Fred Dietrich, Dir., Office of Federal Procurement Policy, OMB
 Ms. Lee Carlson, Office of Federal Procurement Policy, OMB
 Both confirmed that the 10% figure for savings MUST be met.
 (both by phone only)

(Personal visits)

Mr. Randy Dove, Staff of Sen. Mathias of Maryland
 Mr. Chuck Goodspeed, Staff of Sen. Warner of Virginia

Mr. Byron Anderson, Staff of Rep. Stan Parris of Virginia
 Ms. Sandy Fiske, Staff, House Government Service Task Force,
 Chaired by Rep. Michael Barnes of Maryland

Mr. Bill Allward, Staff, Defense Appropriations Subcommittee, Senate
 Appropriations Committee; suggested contacting Inter-Agency Security
 Committee

Mr. Steve Crow, Staff, Energy & Water Appropriations Subcommittee,
 Senate Appropriations Committee

Mr. Ben Marshall, Dir. of Security, Senate Select Committee on
 Intelligence; recommended contacting Ken deGraffenreid, NSC;
 [redacted] National Security Advisory Board, CIA

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Mr. Pete Stockton, Staff, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations,
 House Energy & Commerce Committee

Mr. Arnold Donohue, National Intelligence Analyst, OMB

Mr. Seymour Shwiler, Staff, House Armed Services Committee; called
 Ralph Caudle, Office of Safeguards and Security, DOE; Shwiler
 received no answers to his questions.

Mr. Ken deGraffenreid, NSC

Mr. Richard Barnes, et. al., Subcommittee on Legislation and National
 Security, House Government Operations Committee

(Other phone contacts)

[redacted] Chief, Special Security Center, CIA

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[redacted] informed us he had contacted the following people:

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[redacted] Chairman, DCI Security Committee, CIA;

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[redacted] NSA; Don Latham, Communications Security Board, DOD;

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Tom Quinn, Deputy to Gen. Richard Stilwell, Office of the Secretary
 of Defense; [redacted] also contacted Martin Dowd, Director of Security,

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DOE, who was apparently not informed of this intended action. Dowd

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had not returned call to [redacted] when we last talked to [redacted]

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Ms. Annette Smiley, House Select Committee on Intelligence; suggested
 contacting Arnold Donohue, OMB, and [redacted] ICS Registry

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[redacted] National Security Advisory Board, CIA

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Mr. Robert Catlin, State Dept., Communications Operations.

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