

NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

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June 7, 1974

MEMORANDUM FOR: GENERAL SCOWCROFT

FROM: DAVID ELLIOTT *D.E.*

SUBJECT: Provision of Uranium to the Indian
Tarapur Power Reactor

The AEC will, on June 15, transfer to Indian ownership the slightly enriched uranium for the Tarapur power reactor. The material is in gaseous form and will be shipped to Germany for fabrication into fuel rods before being loaded into the Indian reactor. This process will probably take several months, but the Indians will be the owners of the uranium during this period. Tarapur is safeguarded by the IAEA.

If we were to choose to delay the shipment it might have the effect of breaking General Electric's contract with the Indians. This aspect of the matter should be examined if such action is contemplated.

DOE REVIEWED 15-Dec-2010: NO OBJECTION TO DECLASSIFICATION

REFER TO DOS

DOS REVIEWED 07-Mar-2011: NO OBJECTION TO DECLASSIFICATION

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CHRON

THE WHITE HOUSE
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Henry -

This is a bad time
to have this happen, but
I presume you do not
wish to hold up the
shipment.

Burns

— ~~Let~~ it go

— Hold it up