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MEMORANDUM

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

9/23 - GUIDANCE
PLEASE
9/19.

NOTE FOR KMD--

Office of Science and Technology and Department of Energy are very eager that we try our hardest to schedule a Congressional Breakfast with the President to solicit support for the Clinch River Breeder Reactor program. As Swanson states in his memo -- this meeting (or something similar) is increasingly being viewed as the litmus test on the President's commitment to the project.

Both Pam and B and NR agree that we need to try to schedule something. I know from the last scheduling meeting that the week of the 26th is very heavily scheduled. We could try to proceed with a large breakfast, as everyone is recommending, with a Presidential stop by before/during or after the breakfast.

If a breakfast is totally out of the question -- we might want to try for a smaller meeting in the Cabinet Room. (though this approach would in reality probably take more of the President's time than a drop by at a breakfast.)

Guidance, please.

A draft schedule proposal is attached. We can prepare in final if you want to go ahead with the idea of a breakfast.

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MUST BE DONE BEFORE OCT 1

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leeway in time.

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MEMORANDUM

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

September 16, 1983

TO: LYNN SKOLNIK
FROM: DAVE SWANSON *DS*
THRU: PAM TURNER *PT*
SUBJECT: Request for Presidential Participation in
Clinch River Breeder Reactor Breakfast

In the Senate, the conventional wisdom is that the President will get the one shot appropriation. However, the leadership will have to really beat the bushes to get the votes and the result is likely to be very close.

It is my view that many members continue to doubt how strongly the Administration wants Clinch River Breeder Reactor built. This fire continues to be fanned by the opposition and unless put out, we will lose votes we otherwise might get.

Rob suggests, as does Baker, McClure and Hodel, that the breakfast will be very useful. I think it would too. In fact, I think the breakfast will eliminate a number of calls that the President might otherwise be requested to make.

Another point worth considering is that each additional vote margin in the Senate will be of great help in the House. A big push on our part in the Senate will be very helpful in building the margin. All those Senators on Rob's list are possible votes. Getting these people to vote for CRBR would make it much easier for House members in those states (especially Republicans) to follow suit.

Finally, like it or not, this single event is becoming the litmus test of White House support. Supportive industry groups will be very bitter if we don't do the event and our opponents may find a way to capitalize on not doing it as well.--The President doesn't really care.

MBO — thinks we should push for breakfast — — .

MEMORANDUM

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

September 15, 1983

MEMORANDUM FOR PAM TURNER

M. B. OGLESBY

FROM:

LYNN SKOLNICK 

SUBJECT:

Presidential Involvement to Support Clinch River

Nancy Risque has talked to John Marcum, Office of Science and Technology Policy and Rob Odle regarding Clinch River. Both John and Rob have alerted us that they are looking for White House assistance on the Clinch River project. Attached is a recent memo that John Marcum sent to Risque requesting the President's participation in a breakfast with Members of Congress.

Energy thinks that they will need Presidential phone calls later. They would like to see us have the breakfast(s) but not at the expense of a half a dozen or so Presidential phone calls before the vote. Both John and Rob agree that a breakfast will only be useful with Presidential participation.

Please give me your thoughts on a potential breakfast. All indications that I have received from scheduling and Deaver show that the week of September 26th -- the week that they are requesting -- is already very, very heavily booked for the President. We should only make this request if we truly feel that it is critical. Do you have any alternative recommendations, if not a breakfast, for Duberstein?

Guidance, please as soon as possible.

Thanks.

Lynn for Folio thru.

NR

EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
OFFICE OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY POLICY
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20500

September 15, 1983

MEMORANDUM FOR NANCY RISQUE

FROM:

JOHN MARCUM *JM*

SUBJECT:

CONGRESSIONAL BREAKFAST TO SUPPORT CLINCH RIVER

As we discussed last night, attached is an updated schedule proposal requesting the President's participation in the breakfast on September 28th in the State Dining Room to support the Clinch River Breeder Reactor project.

One large breakfast in the State Dining Room is the preferable approach but as an alternative we could also have two or three smaller breakfasts in the Roosevelt Room during the last week of September. Please let us know if there is anything we can do to help with the planning or preparations. By the way, I'll be gone for the next two weeks to Indonesia with Jay but Tom Pestorius will be available to assist you.

Attachment

SCHEDULE PROPOSAL

TO: FREDERICK J. RYAN, JR., DIRECTOR
PRESIDENTIAL APPOINTMENTS AND SCHEDULING

FROM:

REQUEST: Presidential participation at a Congressional breakfast in the State Dining Room hosted by the Science Advisor and the Secretary of Energy to explain White House support for the Clinch River Breeder Reactor Project (CRBR).

PURPOSE: To persuade undecided members of the House and Senate to vote for the CRBR through the President's personal support and by describing The Administration's rationale for backing CRBR.

BACKGROUND: It is becoming increasingly clear that this will be a close call on the Hill particularly in the House, and strong White House support may be essential. Congress is expected to vote on the CRBR issue in late September in connection with a continuing resolution and we have to move quickly to favorably influence the outcome. It would be highly desirable for the President and Ed Meese to participate in the breakfast, schedule permitting.

PREVIOUS PARTICIPATION: None

DATE AND TIME: 9:00 - 10:00 a.m., Sept. 28

LOCATION: State Dining Room

PARTICIPANTS: See attached list

OUTLINE OF EVENT: The Science Advisor and the Secretary of Energy will host a breakfast in the State Dining Room for House and Senate members who are undecided regarding the CRBR project. The President and Ed Meese would appropriately participate in the program to emphasize the President's personal support for the project. Other high level Administration officials would also be involved and be placed at various tables with the Congressional participants.

REMARKS REQUIRED: Brief, general remarks regarding the importance of the breeder program to our energy future and that CRBR is the key to success of that program.

MEDIA COVERAGE:

RECOMMENDED BY: Jay Keyworth/Ed Meese

OPPOSED BY:

PROJECT OFFICER:



Department of Energy
Washington, D.C. 20585

*Lynn.
This goes with
the Hartum Schedule
proposal.
your follow up pls.
Thanks*

September 14, 1983

Ms. Nancy J. Risque
Special Assistant to
the President
Office of Legislative Affairs
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Nancy:

In accordance with your request of last evening, I'm enclosing a list of Representatives and Senators who might be invited to a White House breakfast sometime this month before what we anticipate will be the final vote on whether the U.S. goes forward with the American breeder reactor program at Clinch River.

Ideally, there would be two breakfasts, one in the State Dining Room with key Representatives, and one in the smaller dining room with target Senators, both with brief Presidential drop-bys. If this is not possible, then a joint session in the State Dining Room would be fine, and we would propose inviting two kinds of Members: first, the key House and Senate supporters (see enclosure), and, next, the targets (also enclosed). By "targets," I mean those who have been against us but might be "gettable" on this last up-or-down vote and those who were with us in lame duck, but weak.

You might consider, should the joint breakfast be agreed to, having ten tables of eight each in the State Dining Room, with a key Administration (Hodel, Meese, Keyworth) or Hill (McClure, Fuqua, Bevill, etc.) supporter at each table. In that way, there could be a discussion of the need for the American project at each table throughout the breakfast, and the President would only need to drop by for a very few minutes.

As I understand it, Nancy, President Carter used the White House several times to lobby against Clinch River and many on the Hill remember how effective this was. That may account for the reason our Hill and industry supporters are pushing so very, very hard for such a breakfast and why they continue to stress the need for "White House involvement." Indeed, Appropriations Subcommittee Chairman Tom Beville has publicly mentioned this point in a couple of hearings.

Let me know if you need anything else.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Rob", with a stylized flourish extending from the end.

Robert C. Odle, Jr.
Assistant Secretary for
Congressional, Intergovernmental
and Public Affairs

Supporters to act as table hosts

Secretary Donald Paul Hodel
Assistant Secretary Shelby T. Brewer
Assistant Secretary Robert C. Odle, Jr.

Honorable Howard H. Baker
Honorable James A. McClure
Honorable J. Bennett Johnston

Honorable Don Fuqua
Honorable Larry Winn
Honorable Tom Bevill
Honorable John Myers
Honorable Marilyn Lloyd
Honorable Bob Walker*
Honorable Bob Michel
Honorable Trent Lott
Honorable Jim Wright

Target Senators

Honorable Barry Goldwater
Honorable Paul Tribble
Honorable Lloyd Bentsen
Honorable Paula Hawkins
Honorable Robert Stafford
Honorable Jennings Randolph
Honorable Roger Jepsen
Honorable Bob Packwood
Honorable Daniel Inouye
Honorable Richard Lugar
Honorable Warren Rudman
Honorable Arlen Specter
Honorable Pete Wilson

* Mr. Walker is not a clear "supporter", but as the Ranking Member of the House authorizing subcommittee should be included with the Chairman, Marilyn Lloyd

Target House Members

Honorable John McCain
Honorable Jim McNulty
Honorable Mervyn Dymally
Honorable Richard Lehman
Honorable Mel Levine
Honorable Matthew Martinez
Honorable Esteban Torres
Honorable Norman Shumway
Honorable Ron Packard
Honorable Ed Zschau
Honorable Hank Brown
Honorable Dan Schaefer
Honorable Ken MacKay
Honorable Larry Smith
Honorable Michael Bilirakis
Honorable Tom Lewis
Honorable Connie Mack
Honorable Bill McCollum
Honorable Richard Ray
Honorable Roy Rowland
Honorable Lindsay Thomas
Honorable Newt Gingrich
Honorable Lane Evans
Honorable William Lipinski
Honorable Phil Crane
Honorable Frank McCloskey
Honorable Dan Burton
Honorable Dan Coats
Honorable Jack Hiler
Honorable Jim Slattery
Honorable Robert Whittaker
Honorable Larry Hopkins
Honorable Harold Rogers
Honorable Gene Snyder
Honorable Buddy Roemer
Honorable Henson Moore
Honorable Beverly Byron
Honorable John McKernan, Jr.
Honorable Olympia Snowe
Honorable Sander Levin
Honorable Mark Siljander
Honorable Guy Vander Jagt
Honorable Harold Volkmer
Honorable Alan Wheat
Honorable Webb Franklin
Honorable Charles Britt
Honorable James Clarke
Honorable Tim Valentine
Honorable Chris Smith
Honorable James Courter
Honorable Harry Reid
Honorable Barbara Vucanovich
Honorable Robert Mrazek

Target House Members Cont'd

Honorable Major Owens
Honorable Sherwood Boehlert
Honorable Jack Kemp
Honorable David Martin
Honorable Ray McGrath
Honorable Mike DeWine
Honorable John Kasich
Honorable Denny Smith
Honorable Joe Kolter
Honorable George Gekas
Honorable Tom Ridge
Honorable Don Ritter
Honorable Rod Chandler
Honorable John Spratt
Honorable Robin Tallon
Honorable Ron Coleman
Honorable E de la Garza
Honorable Henry Gonzalez
Honorable Solomon Ortiz
Honorable Tom Vandergriff
Honorable Steve Bartlett
Honorable Howard Nielson
Honorable Jim Olin
Honorable Norm Sisisky
Honorable Herbert Bateman
Honorable Norm Dicks

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

RECOMMENDED TELEPHONE CALL

TO: Congressman Bob Walker
(Republican - Pennsylvania)

DATE: September 15, 1983

RECOMMENDED
BY: Kenneth M. Duberstein *KMD*
M. B. Oglesby, Jr.

PURPOSE: To encourage Bob to support the alternative funding plan proposed by the Administration for completing the Clinch River Breeder Reactor.

BACKGROUND: On Thursday, September 15, 1983, the House Science and Technology Subcommittee on Energy Research and Production will begin hearings on the Administration's proposed alternative funding plan for the Clinch River Breeder Reactor. This funding plan was proposed by the Administration as a result of a Congressional directive to the Department of Energy to "...vigorously explore proposals including a reconsideration of the original cost-sharing arrangement, that would reduce Federal budget requirements for the Clinch River project or project alternative, and secure greater participation from the private sector."

As a result of this directive, on August 1, 1983, Secretary of Energy Hodel sent to the Congress an alternative financing plan that provides \$1 billion in private sector funds for the completion of the Clinch River Breeder Reactor. The estimated remaining Federal cost of the project under the plan is approximately \$1.5 billion.

Congressman Walker serves as Ranking member of the Science and Technology Subcommittee on Energy Research and Production and has opposed continued Federal funding for Clinch River in the past. At the present time, however, he is undecided on his position. He has indicated that he has doubts about the Administration's commitment to the project and to this financing plan.

Secretary Hodel and the White House Legislative Affairs staff have talked with Congressman Walker to indicate to him the Administration's commitment to the Clinch River Project and the alternative financing plan. Nonetheless, Bob still has reservations about our commitment. The issue of funding for Clinch River will likely come up on the Floor of the House during consideration of the Continuing Resolution.

TOPICS OF
DISCUSSION: See attached.

DATE OF
SUBMISSION: September 14, 1983

ACTION _____

TOPICS OF DISCUSSION

- Bob, I understand that your Subcommittee of the Science and Technology Committee began hearings today on the Alternative Funding Plan which we have proposed to fund the Clinch River Breeder Reactor.
- I want you to know that I totally support this funding plan which requires the private sector to provide \$1 billion in funds to complete the Clinch River Breeder Reactor. This private sector commitment will substantially reduce the Federal commitment required to complete the project.
- I know that you have some reservations about the cost of completing Clinch River. I believe that proceeding with this project is in the national interest. We are at the stage where the design of the project is essentially complete and many components have been ordered.
- Termination of the project, on the other hand, will mean writing off an investment of about \$2 billion.

- I believe that if we don't finish Clinch River, the long term viability of the nuclear option is in jeopardy.
- I need your support for this financing plan when it reaches the House Floor.



Department of Energy
Washington, D.C. 20585

October 13, 1983

KMM

Honorable Kenneth M. Duberstein
Assistant to the President for
Legislative Affairs
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Ken:

Will the President be meeting next week with House and Senate GOP leadership? If so, could you get him to stress to Messrs. Baker, McClure, Michel and Lott his desire to see the Congress approve this one last up-or-down vote on Clinch River?

Thanks.

Sincerely,

Rob

Robert C. Odle, Jr.
Assistant Secretary for
Congressional, Intergovernmental
and Public Affairs

cc: Honorable Nancy J. Risque

*— and do gas on the Senate
floor beginning Oct. 24.*

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

9/28/83



Ken:

With regard to attached (which Chuck Trabandt asked me to prepare and provide McClure and Baker a few minutes ago), Chuck said the two senators will likely want to explore with you, and even possibly the President, if the WH would be able to explore a Baker/McClure amendment on Clinch River.

ALH

*Attached given to Baker
& McClure prior to 9:30 mtg.*

September 28, 1983

MEMORANDUM TO: SENATOR HOWARD BAKER
 SENATOR JIM McCLURE

FROM: CHUCK TRABANDT

SUBJECT: Final results on Rules Committee
 action with regard to continuing resolution

1. Voice vote last night reported a closed rule providing for no amendments. (See attached Washington Post article, which is accurate)

2. Based on discussions with Tom Bevill's staff this morning, they do not believe that the closed rule will make it any more difficult from the House perspective to consider a Senate amendment on Clinch River. They still recommend that we proceed with the Clinch River amendment in the Senate on the continuing resolution.

Stopgap Funding Bill Is Put on Fast Track

By Helen Dewar

Washington Post Staff Writer

The House Rules Committee last night turned back a tide of spending proposals and opened a fast track for House passage of an omnibus stopgap spending bill to keep the government operating after midnight Friday.

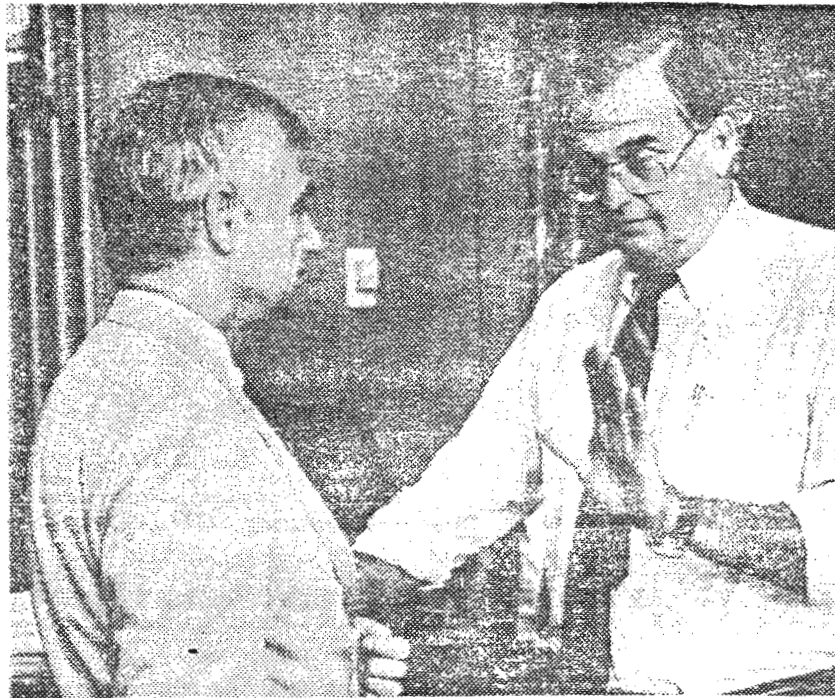
Under pressure from Democratic and Republican leaders in both houses, the committee approved procedures for consideration of the urgent "continuing resolution" money bill that, in effect, bars amendments when the measure comes to the House floor, probably today.

The only way that dissident House members can have their amendments considered is difficult: by marshaling a majority for rejection of the Rules Committee procedures. The action does not bar the Senate from amending the measure when it reaches the Senate floor later in the week, but speedy, straightforward House action could increase pressure for Senate restraint.

As the Rules Committee began consideration of the funding bill, shorn of most of the amendments that bogged down an earlier version, House Appropriations Committee Chairman Jamie L. Whitten (D-Miss.) warned that any amendments could lead to a "breakdown in the government."

In asking for a rule barring House members from offering amendments, including some backed by powerful committee chairmen, Whitten had the backing of House Speaker Thomas P. (Tip) O'Neill Jr. (D-Mass.) and Senate Majority Leader Howard H. Baker Jr. (R-Tenn.).

But some members complained that such restrictive action would violate House Democratic rules as well as an agreement last week by House leaders to allow up to \$1.5 billion more spending for social welfare programs in the continuing resolution.



By James K.W. Atherton—The Washington Post

Hatfield, left, and Weicker confer at the markup of the largest domestic spending bill.

Several members, including Education and Labor Committee Chairman Carl D. Perkins (D-Ky.) and Post Office and Civil Service Committee Chairman William D. Ford (D-Mich.) asked that the House be allowed to consider an amendment adding the \$1.5 billion to the resolution. Other requests ranged from drought relief to a prohibition on further spending for the Clinch River breeder reactor.

The continuing resolution is needed because funding for the government runs out when the current 1983 fiscal year ends Friday and only four of the regular 13 appropriations bills for next year have been enacted. The stopgap bill would finance the rest of the government, including most major departments and agencies, at roughly current levels for 45 days.

Under this proposal, another continuing resolution would have to be passed by Nov. 15. But House and Senate leaders hope to have most of the regular fiscal 1984 appropri-

tions bills approved by then, meaning the Nov. 15 measure would be relatively small, perhaps confined only to foreign aid.

The version that Whitten was pushing yesterday was drafted informally by committee leaders, thereby bypassing the full Appropriations Committee. The committee had so decorated it with amendments, including a war powers resolution, that O'Neill scuttled it.

Meanwhile, in related action on spending measures as the start of the new fiscal year approached:

- The House Appropriations subcommittee on defense agreed to fund most of the big weapons programs that Congress previously authorized at President Reagan's request, including initial production funds for the MX intercontinental ballistics missile, according to subcommittee Chairman Joseph P. Addabbo (D-N.Y.).

- A \$92.5 billion fiscal 1984 appropriations bill for major health, education and jobs programs was approved by the Senate Appropri-

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ations Committee in roughly the same stripped-down form as a House-approved measure, clearing the way for a possible compromise satisfactory to the White House.

- The Senate Appropriations Committee approved a \$12.1 billion foreign aid spending bill for the 1984 fiscal year that would give Reagan the entire \$86.3 million he asked for in military assistance for El Salvador and \$425 million more than he requested in military aid for Israel.

The action of the House Appropriations subcommittee on defense on major weapons programs came as no surprise in light of the subcommittee's generally hawkish outlook. Fights are expected, however, in the full Appropriations Committee and on the House floor.

Senate committee approval of the huge labor, health and human services appropriations bill—the largest of the domestic spending bills—came after Appropriations Chairman Mark O. Hatfield (R-Ore.) joined Sen. Lowell P. Weicker Jr. (R-Conn.) in urging members to forgo add-ons that might provoke a veto.

Similar pleas in the Democratic-controlled House last week helped keep the House version of the measure within range of White House targets and well short of goals set for social welfare spending in the congressional budget resolution approved earlier this year.

Hatfield and Weicker are Republican moderates who are usually sympathetic to social welfare spending, and their opposition to additional outlays kept most of their colleagues at bay, at least for the time being.

The major exception was Senate Budget Committee Chairman Pete V. Domenici (R-N.M.), who normally can be found in the frugality camp but yesterday insisted on an additional \$64 million for educational programs for disadvantaged high school, vocational and college students.

Domenici, who is up for reelection next year, argued that omission of the funds would "send a message that we aren't concerned about this program," which he described as one of the most successful of its kind. Domenici's proposal would bring spending for the program to \$164 million, or \$10 million more than the House approved and \$64 million more than recommended by a Senate subcommittee.

Hatfield warned that the Senate bill was nearly \$350 million more than the White House wanted. With Domenici's proposal on top of that, there is "far greater question" about whether the bill would be signed into law, Hatfield said.

The committee also rejected anti-busing language proposed by Sen. Thomas F. Eagleton (D-Mo.) and softened a ban on use of Medicaid funds for abortions that the House included in its bill.

The foreign aid bill is expected to be used as bargaining leverage by the Senate in working out aid levels in the continuing resolution.

The House would give Reagan \$64.8 million of the \$86.3 million he wanted in military assistance for El Salvador, while the Senate would give him his full request. On aid to Israel, the House would provide \$1.5 billion, which is \$200 million less than current levels and the amount that Reagan requested.

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

October 19, 1983

Dear Mr. Roe:

I want to thank you for your letter of October 12, 1983. I too am sorry we were unable to meet at the Senatorial Inner Circle Reception.

As I am sure you are aware, we are watching the Clinch River situation very closely. I am aware of the effort that you and your colleagues have invested in the project both technically and recently in lobbying for completion of the plant. That support is very much appreciated.

You also know that the President is strongly supporting the project. That support has been stated most recently in a letter to House Appropriations Subcommittee Chairman Tom Bevill, and you can be sure that we will continue to work with you all in firming up a sufficient number of votes to secure passage of the appropriation and financing plan.

Again, thank you for your support. We look forward to working with you in the coming days.

Sincerely,



Kenneth M. Duberstein
Assistant to the President

Mr. Randall B. Roe
Vice President
Burns and Roe, Inc.
1850 K Street, Northwest
Suite 220
Washington, D.C. 20006

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

October 17, 1983

NOTE FOR DAVE SWANSON

FROM: LYNN SKOLNICK

I would appreciate it very much if you could provide a draft response for KMD's signature for the attached letter.

Thanks. (It can be very short and sweet...)

KMD — Draft
Attached.

OK

LS

huda - pls prepare for KMD's signature!
LS

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

LS/LB
Ask Dave
Swanson for a
draft reply. Thanks
and request 10/17



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October 12, 1983

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Mr. Kenneth Duberstein
Assistant to the President for
Legislative Affairs
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. Duberstein:

I am sorry that we were unable to meet at the recent reception for the Senatorial Inner Circle held at Vice President Bush's residence.

As you are aware, Burns and Roe is the engineer-designer for the Clinch River Breeder Reactor Project. Over the last few months the industry has been working diligently and effectively to win the upcoming vote which we anticipate before months' end. The industry is convinced that we can win both Houses with a concerted, coordinated, combined effort of the utility industry, our supporters in Congress, labor, the engineering societies, and the scientific community in conjunction with strong White House support at the appropriate time.

Even with all the good work of the above groups, a victory for the President will depend upon the ability of the White House to secure a number of undecided votes. We look forward to being of assistance and working with you in this endeavor. If we can be of any specific help please contact me.

Sincerely,

Randall B. Roe
Vice President