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Record Description:

1. President Obama reports to Congress on a plan to secure nuclear weapons, material, and expertise in the former Soviet Union (22 U.S. Code Sec. 5952 note). The report is usually included as an appendix in the annual report to Congress on how the Cooperative Threat Reduction (Nunn-Lugar) Program can contribute to implementing the Strategic Offensive Reductions Treaty (SORT or Moscow Treaty) and to securing Russian nuclear weapons and material (Treaty Document 107-8, Sec. 2(1)).[Report date: Jan. 31]

2. President Obama reports to Congress on how the Cooperative Threat Reduction (Nunn-Lugar) program can contribute to implementing the Strategic Offensive Reductions Treaty (SORT or Moscow Treaty) and to securing Russian nuclear weapons and material (Treaty Document 107-8, Sec. 2(1)). [Report date: Feb. 15]

3. Energy Department reports to Congress on the mixed oxide (MOX) plant at the Savannah River Site, Aiken, SC (Public Law 107-314, Sec. 3182). [Report date: Feb. 15]

4. President Obama reports to Congress on Russian proliferation of weapons of mass destruction and ballistic missile items to Iran and to other countries of proliferation concern (22 U.S. Code Sec. 5952 note). [Report date: March 15]

5. Energy Department reports to Congress on its plutonium "pit" production plan (Senate Report 108-105, p. 110). [Report date: March 31]

6. Energy Department reports to Congress on a research and development plan to improve nuclear forensics capabilities (Public Law 110-417, Sec. 3114). [Report date: April 14]

7. President Obama reports to Congress on the implementation of the Strategic Offensive Reductions Treaty (SORT or Moscow Treaty) (Treaty Document 107-8, Sec. 2(2)). [Report date: April 15]

8. President releases an unclassified, executive summary of a Global Nuclear Security report to Congress on the security of nuclear weapons and nuclear weapon material outside the United States (Public Law 110-181, Sec. 3134 <http://thomas.loc.gov/cgi-bin/cpquery/?&dbname=cp110&sid=cp1102kIPg&refer=&r_n=hr477.110&item=&sel=TOC_2187061&>). [Report date: Sept. 1, 2008]

Preferred Form or Format:

Type of Requester (if provided):

Affiliated with an educational or noncommercial scientific institution, and this request

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is made for scholarly or scientific purpose and not for commercial use.

Fees and Fee Waivers:

I request a waiver or reduction of fees.

Waiver or Reduction of Fees Factors (if provided):

1. The subject of the request: Whether the subject of the requested records concerns "the operations or activities of the government."

These requests are all reports on government nonproliferation and nuclear weapons programs.

2. The informative value of the information to be disclosed: Whether the disclosure is "likely to contribute" to an understanding of government operations or activities.

There is little to no public information available on these programs absent these reports.

3. The contribution to an understanding by the general public of the subject likely to result from disclosure, taking into account your ability and intent to disseminate the information to the public in a form that can further understanding of the subject matter.

We educate the publish and congressional staff about nuclear nonproliferation issues. This information is critical to our ability to do that.

4. The significance of the contribution to public understanding: Whether the disclosure is likely to contribute "significantly" to public understanding of government operations or activities.

As I said, there is little to no public information on these programs. The reports will be a significant contribution because they are the only contribution to the body of knowledge.

5. The existence and magnitude of a commercial interest: Whether the requester has a commercial interest that would be furthered by the requested disclosure, and, if so

No. FCNL Education Fund is a 501(c)(3) public interest nonprofit organization with limited resources devoted to these issues.

6. The primary interest in disclosure: Whether the magnitude of the identified commercial interest of the requester is sufficiently large, in comparison with the public interest in disclosure, that disclosure is "primarily in the commercial interest of the requester."

The request is made solely in the interest of the public.

Expedited Processing:

Specific Justification for Expedited Processing: