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Dear Dr. Summerson:

1 Under no circumstances could I approve of transporting high-level radioactive waste to
2 the Yucca Mountain site. The risks are too numerous and, at this point in time, there is
3 simply no safe way to store this waste. The best you could do would be to leave it where
it is until some technology can produce a way to eliminate the radioactivity- hopefully on
site. This may sound like science fiction, and perhaps it is, but transporting such material
is an accident waiting to happen. If, by some wonderful luck, all the contaminated
material arrives at Yucca Mountain without incident, we will still be sitting on the
proverbial powder keg, waiting for the geological risks to occur. The damage produced
by an earthquake, a volcanic eruption, or contamination of the groundwater could destroy
a large part of our country, killing millions of our people. Perhaps we could find a way to
send the nuclear waste into the stratosphere!

By all means, I urge you to err on the side of caution.

Sincerely,



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As if our own radioactive waste were not hazzard enough, we are now facing the challenge of storing the highly enriched uranium fuel from 41 other countries. Whether it goes to California or South Carolina, it is another huge risk that we are undertaking. Terrorists will have a field day! With all the funding being considered for a defense shield to protect us from terrorists, let's focus, instead, on research to diffuse all these risky materials. Let's not destroy ourselves, leaving the rest of the world free from these dreadful risks. Surely we can do better than this totally unacceptable arrangement.

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I feel that we absolutely MUST insist that these deadly materials stay in the countries of origin until we find a solution for safe storage. If these dry storage casks absolutely must be sent to South Carolina and California, I urge you to store them there and not transport them to Idaho, since transportation is fraught with risk. If they simply must be transferred to Idaho, I beg you to stay out of Missouri.

Sincerely,