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Date 7/19/01

Dear Mr. Barrett:

I have an idea for the future disposal of nuclear waste.

Why can't nuclear waste be shot into the sun? Space travel appears to be getting cheaper and more reliable. It seems to me that it would be a useful way to dispose of the waste because it would become a part of the nuclear reactions that are taking place already on the sun. Some reasons for not shooting such waste into the sun might be:

Cost of doing it.

Dispersal on earth from accidents.

However, if a supergun could fire it, that would lower the cost and possibly increase its reliability as well as its accuracy. It would be much like firing a sixteen-inch shell from a canon. I realize that this might not be a suitable solution now because it is cheaper to bury it. However, because of the increase in the population as well as the accumulation of nuclear waste plus the long-term possibilities of leakage, this seems to me to offer a way to dispose of the problem in the future.

If this proposal became feasible in the future, it would virtually eliminate the need for storage as well as remove it from the surface of the earth forever. I am not an expert in many of the areas involved; so I leave that to them. *The core idea is nuclear waste disposal by shooting it into the sun.*

Sincerely,

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