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NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

September 29, 1967

NOTE FOR MR. ROSTOW

Walt--

The attached request for a DX priority for the "Nuclear Propulsion Plant for CVAN 68" is a routine matter that does not raise any problems.

The BOB has cleared it via the attached memo to me.

I have prepared for your signature the attached memorandum for the President and an implementing NSAM in keeping with the standing procedure for handling these requests.

*Spurgeon*  
Spurgeon Keeny

Atts.:

1. Request fm Nitze 9/14
2. BOB approval 9/28
3. Memo for Pres 9/29
4. NSAM

By *DA*, NASA, Date *4-19-90*

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*Mr. Reston*

EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT  
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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20503

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September 28, 1967

MEMORANDUM FOR: Mr. Spurgeon Keeny  
White House

Subject: DX Priority for Nuclear Propulsion Plant for CVAN 68

We have discussed with Defense staff the September 14 memorandum for the President in which the Defense Department asks that he approve the nuclear propulsion plant for CVAN 68 to make it eligible for use of the automatic DX industrial priority rating.

In addition to the reasons given in the memorandum, we find the Defense request to be a modest one; they are not asking for this rating on the whole ship nor on the follow ships. The major industry adversely affected would include agencies, public or private, which have on order central station nuclear power plants, and we feel that while this may be serious it will not be critical.

Accordingly, we would recommend approval of the Defense Department request.

*Ellis H. Veatch*  
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Authorizing: DOD 5800.10 (see #11a); NSC 79F00054  
By: DW /MARA, Date: 4-19-90

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