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## MEMORANDUM

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\* URGENT ACTION \*  
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### Hart-Mitchell Amendment

#### The Issue

Urgent action is needed in support of the Hart-Mitchell Amendment to the Nuclear Regulatory Commission Authorization Bill (S. 1207), which would prohibit the use of civilian nuclear fuel for weapons production. Tapping into commercial spent fuel stores in order to use plutonium in nuclear warheads would convert power reactors into atom bomb factories.

It is essential that the civilian and military nuclear fuel cycles be kept separate. The United States' nuclear nonproliferation policy is based on the premise that other nations will not divert plutonium from their civilian nuclear reactors for the construction of atomic explosives. Atoms for peace must remain distinct from atoms for war: The U.S. would lose its ability to persuade other countries not to follow this dangerous course if we were to use commercial fuel for nuclear weapons production.

By the 1990s over 3,000 atomic bombs' worth of plutonium-239 will have been generated from civilian reactors in just nine developing nations. The world inventory of commercially generated plutonium-239 is estimated to exceed 150,000 warheads by the year 2000.

#### Text of Amendment

"Add a new subsection 57(e) to the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended, as follows:

Special nuclear material, as defined in section 11, produced in facilities licensed under section 103 or 104 may not be transferred, reprocessed, used or otherwise made available by an instrumentality of the United States or any other person for nuclear explosive purposes."

#### Action

The Senate will vote on the NRC authorization bill, S. 1207, in mid-March. Call or wire your Senators to let them know about your support of the Hart-Mitchell Amendment:

Senator \_\_\_\_\_  
U.S. Senate  
Washington, D.C. 20510

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Bob Nathan  
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Text of Amendment  
 Amend. as follows:  
 "Add a new subsection (2)(f) to the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended, as follows:  
 "Special nuclear material, as defined in section 111, produced in facilities licensed under section 103 or 104 may not be transferred, reprocessed, used or otherwise made available by an instrumentality of the United States or any other person for nuclear explosive purposes."  
 Action  
 The Senate will vote on the WRC authorization bill, S. 1507, in mid-March. Call or wire your Senators to let them know about your support of the Hart-Mitchell Amendment.