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**Strictly Personal and Confidential – Via FedEx**

President Joseph R. Biden, Jr.  
The White House  
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW  
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. President:

**Re: Solving Global Warming 100% Without Military Action**

This is a plea from a 229-member monthly public-policy study group that I have facilitated for the past 18 years. Its participants from around the country include many attorneys and science professors.

[Since 4/3/2011, our meetings on nuclear issues have been led by a PhD in Nuclear Engineering from the U.S. National Nuclear-Research Laboratory at Oak Ridge - U/Tenn.]

Every time our group has focused on global warming, we have begun the discussion by asking for a show of hands by anyone who favors invading militarily, for example, China to prevent it from bringing on stream every week one new monster-size coal-burning electrical-power generation plant.

In all of those meetings over the years, nobody has ever shown the slightest interest in using military force to coerce any country into using an uneconomic energy source, thereby reducing the standard of living of its citizens.

However, luckily there is an economic energy source that is abundant and safe.

You may not be aware that thorium/fission was proved feasible in the 1960's when the U.S. National Nuclear-Research Laboratory at Oak Ridge TN conducted a successful 18-month continuous demonstration project comprising a thorium-fueled nuclear reactor. And that President Nixon caused the nation to turn away from thorium (and toward uranium and plutonium) because thorium is incapable of exploding or being utilized to produce nuclear weapons.

Both conventional uranium fission and proven thorium/fission share all of the following advantages: (a) producing no greenhouse gases; (b) eliminating the dependence of the U.S. and its allies on members of OPEC (the long-standing Organization of Petroleum-Exporting Countries) and, in the case of Europe, natural gas imports from Russia (in addition to oil & gas imports from OPEC); and (c) eliminating the gaping U.S. balance-of-payments deficit and resulting piling up of our foreign national debt.

However, proven thorium/fission has the following advantages over conventional uranium/fission –

[These advantages are virtually identical to those listed by Dr. Victor Stenger in The Huffington Post - [https://www.huffingtonpost.com/victor-stenger/lftr-a-longterm-energy-so\\_b\\_1192584.html](https://www.huffingtonpost.com/victor-stenger/lftr-a-longterm-energy-so_b_1192584.html).]

(1) LFTR's (Liquid Fluoride Thorium Reactors) require minimal containment chambers because meltdowns are physically impossible since LFTR's operate near atmospheric pressure (this is both a safety and cost factor).

(2) LFTR's do not require elaborate cooling systems because they operate well below the boiling point of molten salt and can be passively cooled (this is also both a safety and cost factor).

(3) Thorium is so stable that, as mentioned above, it is impossible to make a nuclear weapon from thorium which is why the U.S. turned to uranium and plutonium instead of thorium.

(4) Thorium has such an incredibly-high "burn-up" that there is virtually no long-lived radioactive waste.

(5) LFTR's can safely consume uranium from decommissioned nuclear warheads and from spent uranium-reactor fuel rods. Indeed, the Oak Ridge MSRE in the 1960's was able to use U-235, Pu-239 and U-233 at the same time as thorium. [NB: Since former Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid of NV prevented the opening of Yucca Mountain NV as the repository for our spent uranium-nuclear fuel rods, the spent uranium-nuclear fuel rods have been left on site at each uranium-nuclear plant to remain cool in the equivalent of home swimming-pools even though many of those uranium-nuclear plants are situated in high-volume air corridors!!!]

(6) Because LFTR's are economically practical in small sizes, they can be mass-produced in factories and assembled near electrical demand so that the huge energy losses during electricity transmission are virtually eliminated -- though to replace huge uranium reactors, it would only be necessary to assemble several of the small modular thorium reactors into a larger plant.

(7) In addition, thorium is so plentiful that proven thorium supplies are capable of supplying 100% of the world's energy (not just electricity) for more than 1,000 years. Indeed, virtually all of India's "sand" beaches comprise thorium.

[Our calculation was 80 years of "proven" reserves of uranium for current (electricity only) usage multiplied by 3 (the minimum abundance factor of "proven" thorium reserves vs. "proven" uranium reserves) multiplied by 99 (usable thorium energy content vs. usable uranium energy content) multiplied by 5.8% (the percentage of total worldwide energy including transportation fuels, that comes from nuclear plants) = 1,378 years.]

ThEC15 was a worldwide conference on thorium research that was held in Mumbai, India, in 2015 by the Government of India and two of its agencies, BARC and NPCIL, along with HBNI and IThEO. The ThEC15 website (<http://www.thoriumenergyworld.com/thec15-mumbai.html>) contains 127 papers and speeches by 46 speakers from 30 different nations.

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In contrast to all of these advantages, wind and solar have never "held a candle" to fossil fuels in terms of cost which is why –

(1) wind and solar have always required massive subsidies – **including the additional massive subsidies provided in the Inflation-Reduction Act of 2022;**

(2) hydro power, though economic, is severely limited by the world's extreme lack of damnable rivers; and

(3) only nuclear power can solve global warming without requiring military invasions of countries such as China.

The only reason why nuclear power has not long-since displaced fossil fuels is that Hollywood movies have done the "heavy lifting" for OPEC and the oil industry by falsely frightening the public about alleged dangers of nuclear power. Nevertheless –

(1) Gallup's most-recent annual poll shows the majority of Americans favor the use of nuclear energy; and

(2) Pew Research's most-recent annual poll confirms that this is true.

Accordingly, we would strongly recommend that you champion thorium-nuclear power as the only safe way to solve global warming without military invasions of other countries such as China.

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

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PS: It is well known that large volcanic eruptions will throw into the atmosphere gases and dust particles whose shading of incoming solar radiation can cool the earth for months and even years.

[This has caused some wags to remark (however, true) that Global Warming can be solved by occasional, small nuclear wars which, of course, will be much more likely if a nuclear-arms race occurs between "The World's Greatest 'State Sponsor of Terrorism'" (The U.S. State Department's long-standing legally-required description of Iran) and "The Gulf Cooperation Council" (Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Qatar, Bahrain, The United Arab Emirates, and Oman) – or a nuclear war occurs between Iran and Israel.]

In a similar vein, there has been research on seeding the earth's atmosphere with various substances to achieve the same effect as volcanic eruptions or small nuclear wars. Such an approach (vs., for example, merely adopting the most economical energy source which happens to have no carbon emissions) is likely, at the very least, to incur legal liability. After all, The Russian Federation refused to ratify The Kyoto Protocol for many years because Global Warming would increase Siberia's growing season -- until the European Union finally agreed to subsidize Russia's economic loss. [Similar economic disparities were bridged in the Paris Climate Accord by the U.S. promising to adopt uneconomic measures virtually immediately in return for the world's other great carbon polluters' merely promising to adopt uneconomic measures in the distant future.]