

NOTE: The statement referred to Thomas S. Monson, president, and Dallin H. Oaks, mem-

ber of the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles, the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

Letter to Congressional Leaders Transmitting a Report on the United States-India Nuclear Cooperation Approval and Nonproliferation Enhancement Act
July 20, 2009

Dear _____:

I am pleased to transmit to you a report required by section 104(g) of the Henry J. Hyde United States-India Peaceful Atomic Energy Cooperation Act of 2006 (Public Law 109-401), as amended by section 105 of the United States-India Nuclear Cooperation Approval and Nonproliferation Enhancement Act of 2008 (Public Law 110-369).

The report covers the period of October 4, 2008, to June 30, 2009. It provides an update on U.S.-India civil nuclear cooperation and developments that relate to India's nuclear-re-

lated activities. Classified information associated with these issues has been provided in a separate classified annex.

Sincerely,

BARACK OBAMA

NOTE: Identical letters were sent to John F. Kerry, chairman, and Richard G. Lugar, ranking member, Senate Committee on Foreign Relations; and Howard L. Berman, chairman, and Ileana Ros-Lehtinen, ranking member, House Committee on Foreign Affairs.

Remarks on Health Care Reform
July 21, 2009

Defense Spending

Good afternoon, everybody. Before I talk about the progress we're making on health insurance reform, I want to say a few words about a very important vote that just took place in Congress.

Now, long before I took this office, I argued that meeting our greatest challenges would require not only changing policies in Washington but changing the way we do business in Washington. I also promised that part of that change would be eliminating waste and inefficiency in our defense projects, reform that will better protect our Nation, better protect our troops, and save taxpayers tens of billions of dollars.

As Commander in Chief, I will do whatever it takes to defend the American people, which

is why we've increased our funding for our military and why we will always give our men and women in uniform the equipment and support that they need to get the job done.

But I reject the notion that we have to waste billions of taxpayer dollars on outdated and unnecessary defense projects to keep this Nation secure. And that's why I've taken steps to greatly reduce no-bid defense contracts. That's why I've signed overwhelmingly bipartisan legislation to limit cost overruns on weapons systems before they spiral out of control. And that's why I'm grateful that the Senate just voted against an additional \$1.75 billion to buy F-22 fighter jets that military experts and members of both parties say we do not need.

At a time when we're fighting two wars and facing a serious deficit, this would have been an inexcusable waste of money. Every dollar of