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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 22, 1998

Mr. HAYWORTH submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on International Relations

RESOLUTION

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Whereas the longstanding policy of the United States is not to export sensitive technology that could be used, directly or indirectly, to build weapons of mass destruction;

Whereas the Department of State maintains a list of such sensitive technology, which cannot be exported without a waiver of export restrictions;

Whereas the People's Republic of China has lobbied Federal officials in the United States for years in an effort to obtain satellite technology that is on the list of sensitive technology, claiming that the technology would be used for its civilian space program;

Whereas Loral Space and Communications, an aerospace company in the United States, sought waivers from the Department of State to permit the export to the People's Republic of China of satellite technology on the list of sensitive technology;

Whereas Johnny Chung, a fund-raiser for the Democratic Party, claims that he gave to the Democratic National Committee \$300,000, which was provided by Liu Chao-Ying, who is an officer in the People's Liberation Army and an executive with an aerospace company operated by the People's Republic of China and located in Beijing;

Whereas the chairman of Loral Space and Communications, Bernard L. Schwartz, gave to the Clinton-Gore re-election campaign and to the Democratic National Committee an aggregate of more than \$600,000, more than any other single contributor to the Democratic Party in 1996;

Whereas the authority to grant waivers in response to the requests of Loral Space and Communications was transferred from the Department of State to the Department of Commerce after the Department of State rejected the requests;

Whereas the Department of Commerce, over the objections of the Department of State, granted waivers to Loral Space and Communications and to Hughes Electronics Corporation, allowing the companies to export sensitive satellite technology to the People's Republic of China;

Whereas Loral Space and Communications and Hughes Electronics Corporation proceeded to export sensitive satellite technology to the People's Republic of China;

Whereas the People's Republic of China and the People's Liberation Army used the exported technology to advance their nuclear missile program; and

Whereas the actions of India to speed up its own nuclear program may have been caused by the nuclear advancements made by the People's Republic of China and the People's Liberation Army: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That it is the sense of the House of Rep-
2 resentatives that, in light of the events in early 1998 in
3 India, Pakistan, and the People's Republic of China, the
4 export of sensitive satellite technology with the approval
5 of the Department of Commerce, and the campaign con-
6 tributions made to the 1996 Clinton-Gore re-election cam-
7 paign, the President should postpone his visit to the Peo-
8 ple's Republic of China planned for June 1998 until all
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