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MEMORANDUM TO THE FINAL CONGRESSIONAL SESSION

An unknown group of hackers calling themselves U235 has the ability to control a nuclear reactor at the Wolf Creek Generating Station (Wolf Creek), which is located near Burlington, Kansas, operated by The Wolf Creek Nuclear Operating Corporation. Wolf Creek is a critical infrastructure (42 U.S.C. 5195c(e)) entity.

According to the 2010 U.S. census, the population within 10 miles of Wolf Creek (the plume exposure emergency planning zone) is approximately 5,000 individuals and within a 50 mile radius (ingestion pathway emergency planning zone), approximately 175,000 individuals. U235 has threatened to initiate a reactor meltdown if their ransom demands are not been met. They have declared themselves social activists and have demanded the forgiveness of all the indebtedness of Puerto Rico before 12:01 a.m., Tuesday, October 17, 2017. The U.S. Government has serious doubts about the sincerity of their stated motivations. Instead U.S. intelligence assessments indicates that it is more likely that the group has taken positions in the financial markets which would benefit them if Puerto Rican debt were forgiven. The SEC is investigating whether any of these transactions are traceable.

News reports earlier this year noted that Wolf Creek was infiltrated, but the company down played the possibility that the infiltration permitted any outside entity to control its nuclear reactor.

There was a spike in temperature detected several days ago at Wolf Creek which the company believes was a demonstration of capability by U235. Wolf Creek believes that its facility was infiltrated either through a watering hole attack or SCADA (supervisory control and data acquisition systems) attack. There is no air gap to the controls of the nuclear fuel rods. It is not technically feasible to shut down Wolf Creek in order to secure the control of the facility. Wolf Creek has been working with a private cyber security firm to conduct a comprehensive assessment report of the extent of the breach, but that report remains outstanding.

U235 has claimed to have infiltrated other U.S. nuclear power facilities, but that claim has not been substantiated and U235 has not made any additional demonstrations to authenticate such claim.

The origin of U235 is not known. U.S. intelligence assessments remain outstanding as to whether this group is directed by, or affiliated with, a foreign government. U.S. intelligence agencies are continuing to assess the situation but it is unclear whether it will complete such an assessment before the deadline.

All of the information above remains classified at the highest levels.

This special Congressional session will be convened to determine the following:

1. Authorize legislation to forgive Puerto Rico's debt. This Congress should specifically consider the financial ramifications of this action.
2. Authorize the evacuation of the area surrounding Wolf Creek. An evacuation is possible, but it could potentially publicize the situation.
3. Consider whether to ban the use of all commercial nuclear reactors in the United States.

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A Bill to Evacuate Burlington, KS

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. Burlington, KS Shall be evacuated until the water quality in the Hudson River is improved.

SECTION 2. The improved shall be defined as safe, drinkable, and usable water .

SECTION 3. The Department of Health and Human services along with the Environmental Protection Agency shall oversee the implementation of this bill.

SECTION 4. This bill shall come into effect immediately upon passage.

SECTION 5. All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

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A Bill to End the Use of Nuclear Energy

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. All energy produced by Nuclear is no longer permitted in the United States.

SECTION 2. Nuclear energy is all energy created through the energy released during nuclear fission or fusion.

SECTION 3. The Department of Energy shall oversee the implementation of this bill.

SECTION 4. The bill will come into effect immediately upon passage.

SECTION 5. All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

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A Resolution to Forgive Puerto Rican Debt

- WHEREAS,** Puerto Rico has faced severe economic woes fueled by accumulating debt in the last decade
- WHEREAS,** The country continues to struggle to make meaningful progress due to these excessive debt obligations
- WHEREAS,** The government and the people have struggled to survive with diminished resources and basic necessities
- WHEREAS,** The severe weather that has struck the people of Puerto Rico has set them even further behind
- RESOLVED,** That the Congress here assembled make the following recommendation for the forgiveness of Puerto Rico's debt obligations

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