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DEAR FRIENDS,

AS A TAX PAYER AND CHRISTIAN CITIZEN
I WISH TO RAISE A VOICE OPPOSITION TO THE
CONSTRUCTION OF THE NUCLEAR WEAPONS FACILITY,
IN OAK RIDGE. MY REASONS ARE AS FOLLOWS:
THE MAIN NUCLEAR WEAPONS RIVAL TO OUR NATION
REMAINS RUSSIA. MR PUTIN AND THE RUSSIAN
LEADERSHIP ARE INTERESTED IN LARGE-SCALE
REDUCTIONS IN NUCLEAR WEAPONS. NEW U.S.
WEAPONS PRODUCTION WILL SQUANDER THIS
OPPORTUNITY TO MAKE THE WORLD MORE SECURE
FROM A MASSIVE NUCLEAR EXCHANGE UNDER THE
DOCTRINE OF MUTUALLY ASSURED DESTRUCTION.
FURTHER U.S. NUCLEAR WEAPONS DEVELOPMENT WILL
STIMULATE CHINA TO INCREASE ITS DEVELOPMENT.
ASIA WILL THEN BE SUBJECT TO DESTABILIZATION
AND THE LAUNCH OF A NEEDLESS & DANGEROUS
REGIONAL NUCLEAR ARMS RACE, THIS WILL UNDERMINE
THE SECURITY OF THE U.S. AND ITS ALLIES.
FIND AND USE MORE SOCIALLY USEFUL PURPOSE FOR
THE OAK RIDGE RESOURCES.
IN CHRIST,
JOHN LURVEY

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Comment noted. There is no plan or proposal in the Y-12 SWEIS to build a new bomb plant or manufacture new nuclear weapons. Since the end of the Cold War, the United States has significantly reduced the size of the nuclear weapons stockpile, and DOE has dismantled more than 15,000 nuclear weapons. At the present time, the United States is further downsizing the nuclear weapons stockpile consistent with the terms of START I and the recently ratified START II. Although Russia suspended its nuclear weapons dismantlement activities on January 20, 2001, DOE has continued its weapons dismantlement activities.

The United States is a declared weapons state, and the purpose of nonproliferation efforts is to keep non-weapons states from acquiring nuclear weapons while weapons states work towards the longer term goal of achieving total nuclear disarmament. Non-weapons states which have agreed not to manufacture nuclear weapons are not likely to be encouraged to do so as a result of the Y-12 National Security Complex continuing weapons support mission activities. As for rogue states bent on obtaining nuclear weapons at any cost, it is doubtful that the Y-12 mission activities will have any influence on their nuclear weapons endeavors.