

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

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The Honorable Condoleezza Rice
Secretary of State
U.S. Department of State
Washington, DC 20520

Dear Madam Secretary:

We are writing to express our concern about the Department's failure to submit to the Congress the semi-annual report required by the Iran-Syria Nonproliferation Act.

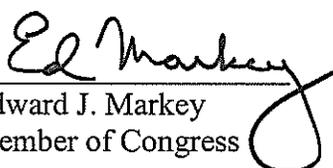
Under Section 2(a) of the Iran-Syria Nonproliferation Act, the President is required to "submit to the Committee on International Relations of the House of Representatives and the Committee on Foreign Relations of the Senate a report identifying every foreign person with respect to whom there is credible information that that person" has transferred to or acquired from Iran (after January 1, 1999) or Syria (after January 1, 2005), goods, services, or technology whose export is controlled by the Nuclear Suppliers Group Guidelines, the Missile Technology Control Regime Equipment and Technology Annex, the Australia Group list of controlled items and substances relating to biological and chemical weapons, the Schedule One or Schedule Two list of the Chemical Weapons Convention, and the Wassenaar Arrangement list of Dual Use Goods and Technologies and Munitions. Further, the President must report on transfers to or acquisitions from Iran or Syria of goods, services, or technology not controlled by the aforementioned lists but which would be prohibited for export to Iran and Syria were they United States goods, services, or technology. Under Section 2(b) of the Iran-Syria Nonproliferation Act, the required reports must be submitted not later than every six months. The most recently submitted report came in December 2005, making the current report over a month overdue.

As you know, past reports filed by the State Department have included information regarding illicit transfers of nuclear and chemical weapons related technology and goods from entities located in India. Since 2003, the United States has filed at least eight nonproliferation sanctions against at least seven Indian entities, including two sanctions in December 2005.

As you know, the U.S. House of Representatives will soon consider legislation that would facilitate President Bush's proposal for nuclear cooperation with India. In light of the content of past reports and the pending vote on legislation implementing nuclear cooperation with India, it is essential that the State Department submit its overdue report on activities sanctionable under the Iran-Syria Nonproliferation Act, as required by law, before any such vote takes place.

We therefore request that this report be provided to the Congress without any further delay.

Sincerely,

		
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