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The President
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President of Control Data Corporation:

You dirty rotten unAmerican red jackass. I hope the town of Minneapolis takes you down mainstreet and hangs you up by your balls until you are dead. You are of no use and a profound threat to freedom-loving people everywhere. I am sure you have no children or grandchildren, and really don't care what kind of world you leave for them.

Disgustingly yours,

SALWASSER MANUFACTURING COMPANY, INC.

Melvin Salwasser, President

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June 3, 1977

Mr. Melvin Salwasser
President
Salwasser Manufacturing Co., Inc.
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Dear Mr. Salwasser:

It would be helpful to the recipient of your letter when you write to reference the subject matter and not just merely use crude language. Presumably you are referring to the potential sale of a Control Data 7600 computer to the Soviet Union. If this is the stimulation that produces the profanity, then it seems to me that you could make your point forcefully enough and raise whatever questions there are in your mind without impugning the patriotism or intelligence of others. The source of your information is probably the Jack Anderson column of May 24th, which is misleading and inaccurate in important respects; for example, the opening sentence is 99% incorrect. A single 7600 computer cannot be turned against us in a meaningful way to track U.S. missiles, planes and submarines. The same is true for code breaking. Also, the assessment of risk has not been completed by the U.S. government.

Furthermore, the issue is much broader than the sale of one computer and the associated military risk. There are also economic and social considerations, including U.S. jobs and more accurate weather forecasting.

UNEMPLOYMENT: The most serious need in the U.S. is more jobs, and almost as important, more skilled jobs and reduction of unemployment among the young.

Forty percent unemployment of minority youth in our larger cities not only is a shameful blight on our society, but it is dangerous. Providing the required number of jobs in the years ahead is going to tax the resources, ingenuity and dedication of the country far beyond that of any previous challenge. Creating enough new jobs is going to be so difficult that literally the creation of even one new job must be a matter of major concern.

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The 7600 sale represents over 500 jobs for one year -- many of them skilled jobs. But there are job implications far beyond the sale of this single computer because it is but one element in a broad, long-term agreement that Control Data entered into in 1973 with the Soviet Union for cooperation in science and technology. The Control Data agreement was in response to the objectives of the umbrella agreements of 1972 and 1973 between the United States and the Soviet Union to facilitate technological cooperation and expansion of trade. The technology the U.S. can receive from the Soviets could help solve some of this country's pressing problems in such areas as energy, and in turn new jobs would be created.

SOCIAL: The U.S. Weather Bureau supports the sale of a 7600 because it is needed to fill an existing gap in data needed to improve the accuracy of weather forecasts, particularly for hurricanes.

The government is now in the process of considering all factors and it will probably take six weeks or longer to reach a decision on the 7600 export license application.

Obviously this broader issue cannot be adequately treated in a letter. Therefore, I have enclosed copies of presentations with relevant information that I have made before the Institute of Electrical Engineers, London, and at a symposium sponsored by the American Astronautical Society.

Sincerely yours,



William C. Norris
Chairman of the Board

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