



Photo released by the CIA in 2008 of Syria's al-Kibar nuclear reactor while it was under construction.

The Secret Threat from Syria's Nuclear Weapons Program

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The United States must start thinking about how to secure Syria's nuclear program and to locate the missing uranium and nuclear weapons-related technology of the program before they can find their way into the hands of the Iranians or terrorist groups, LIGNET managing editor Fred Fleitz said in an interview this week.

"If Assad thinks he's in danger, he just may decide to transfer some technology, or maybe some uranium, to Iran," Fleitz said of the Syrian president, who has earned international opprobrium for his brutal crackdown on the opposition.

"When we think about a post-Assad Syria, we shouldn't be overlooking this," said Fleitz.

Fleitz, a long-time senior analyst with the CIA and senior staffer on the House Intelligence Committee

until the spring of 2011, said there are many outstanding questions about Syria's nuclear program that date to the Bush administration.

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