

July 5, 2000

MEMORANDUM TO: William F. Kane, Director
Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards

FROM: Ashok C. Thadani, Director/**RA by Margaret V. Federline Acting for/**
Office of Nuclear Regulatory Research

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