October 10, 2000

MEMORANDUM TO: Chairman Meserve

Commissioner Dicus Commissioner Diaz

Commissioner McGaffigan Commissioner Merrifield

FROM: Janice Dunn Lee, Director /RA/

Office of International Programs

SUBJECT: VISIT OF DR. CLAUDE BIRRAUX, FRENCH

PARLIAMENTARIAN, OCTOBER 18, 2000

Attached is the schedule, biographical information, country summary, and background and talking points for use on Wednesday, October 18, 2000, during the visit of Dr. Claude Birraux, French Parliamentarian. Dr. Birraux has been a visitor to the NRC Commissioners and staff for the past ten years.

During his visit to the U.S., Dr. Birraux will also meet with the Departments of Energy and State, the National Security Council, the Office of Science and Technology Policy and the Carnegie Foundation.

By copy of this memorandum, SECY, OGC, EDO, and OPA are being advised of the final arrangements.

Attachments: 1. Meeting Schedule

2. Biographical Information

3. Country Summary

4. Background and Talking Points

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VISIT TO NRC OF DR. CLAUDE BIRRAUX FRENCH PARLIAMENT MEMBER

SCHEDULE

Wednesday, October 18

10:00 a.m. Chairman Meserve, O 17-D-1

10:30 a.m. Commissioner Dicus, O 18-H-1

11:00 a.m. Commissioner McGaffigan, O 18-G-1

11:30 a.m. Commissioner Diaz, O 18-E-1

12:00 p.m. Lunch, Commission Dining Room

ACCOMPANYING PERSONS

Mr. David Constans, Parliamentary Division Administrator Mr. Regis Babinet, Nuclear Counselor, French Embassy, Washington, D.C. Howard Faulkner, OIP

DISCUSSION TOPICS TO BE RAISED BY DR. BIRRAUX

Dr. Birraux has been commissioned by the French Parliament to conduct a study and prepare a report on the elimination of weapon's plutonium in civilian reactors. He would like the Commissioners' views on this topic.

BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION

Born on January 19, 1946, in Ambilly (Haute Savoie, in the French Alps, France).

Married, 4 children

ACADEMIC BACKGROUND

Graduate engineer in chemistry (Geneva University) Ph.D., Science (Geneva University)

POLITICAL CAREER

Elected Deputy of Haute Savoie in 1978; reelected in 1981, 1986, 1988 and 1993.

Elected County Counselor for Annemase-South (Haute Savoie) in 1982; reelected in 1988.

Vice President of the County Council of Haute Savoie.

Member of the Council of Europe since 1988.

ACTIVITIES IN THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

President of the Survey Group on Frontier Workers
President of the France - Laos Friendship Group
Vice President of the Survey Group on Mountain Areas Questions
Vice President of the Survey Group on Europe, Energy and Environment
Member of the Parliamentary Office for the Assessment of Scientific
and Technological Options
Former Vice President of the Production and Exchange Committee

<u>ACTIVITIES IN THE PARLIAMENTARY OFFICE FOR THE ASSESSMENT OF SCIENTIFIC</u> AND TECHNOLOGICAL OPTIONS

1989: Prepared an appendix to Mrs. BOUCHARDEAU's report on energy policy, on

the topic of nuclear reactors with passive safety.

1990: Joint authorship with Mr. Franck SERUSCLAT, Senator, of the report on the

control of nuclear safety and security (1st volume: the control of nuclear

safety).

1991: 2nd report on the control of nuclear safety and security.

1992: 3rd report on the control of nuclear safety and security.

1993: 4th report on the control of nuclear safety and security (in progress).

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