

June 26, 2001

MEMORANDUM TO: William D. Travers
Executive Director for Operations

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FROM: Annette L. Vietti-Cook, Secretary **/RA/**

SUBJECT: STAFF REQUIREMENTS - COMJSM-01-0001 - COORDINATION
WITH MEXICO AND CANADA

The Commission has approved the conduct of a trilateral meeting with representatives from the Canadian Nuclear Safety Committee (CNSC) and the Comision Nacional de Seguridad Nuclear y Salvaguardias (CNSNS), at the staff level to discuss nuclear material issues which may be of trilateral concern. The staff should seek to augment, and not duplicate, existing international and national cooperative programs already in place. The staff should offer to host an initial meeting in Washington, D.C. and should work out an appropriate agenda with Mexican and Canadian counterparts. If there are also potential items of only bilateral interest, a concurrent bilateral meeting could be offered to each country. One topic that should be considered for the trilateral forum agenda is a process for appropriate notification when sources are lost or stolen near the appropriate border, such as establishment of an e-mail contact list, phone list, or possibly use of the NRC website. Another topic that should be discussed is whether further trilateral nuclear materials meetings would be useful, and if so, on what schedule and at what locations. If there is agreement among all the participants that this forum is worthwhile, the staff is authorized to proceed with further such meetings. However, the staff should periodically report to the Commission on the status of this effort, the issues which are being discussed, and whether this forum is proving useful.

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