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TO : Curtis A. Nelson, Director  
 Division of Inspection

FROM : *R. L. Price* Deputy  
 B. L. Price, Director  
 Division of Licensing and Regulation

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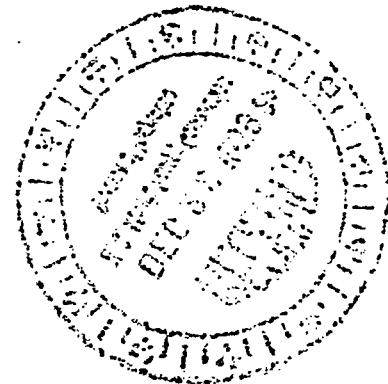
SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR INVESTIGATION OF ALLEGED DISCHARGE OF RADIOACTIVE MATERIAL INTO MOSQUITO CREEK, PENNSYLVANIA

Attached are copies of a letter dated December 14, 1959 from Mr. Ross Leffler, Assistant Secretary, Department of the Interior, enclosing a copy of a letter dated December 3, 1959 to Mr. Loffler from Mr. Tom McKinney concerning the alleged discharge of radioactive material into Mosquito Creek, Pennsylvania.

It is requested that an investigation be conducted in this matter in order that a reply may be given to Mr. Loffler.

Attachments:  
 Copies of Ltrs of Mr. Loffler  
 and Mr. McKinney (2)

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UNITED STATES  
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY  
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

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Dear Mr. Price:

I am enclosing for your consideration and investigation a copy of letter dated December 3, 1959 from Mr. T. M. McKinney of the Mosquito Creek Sportsmen's Association. In view of the sensitive nature of the complaint, we would prefer that the matter be treated in a confidential manner.

I would appreciate knowing the results of your investigation in order that I may reply to Mr. McKinney.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Ross Leffler".

Ross Leffler  
Assistant Secretary

Mr. Harold Price, Director  
Division of Licensing and Regulation  
U. S. Atomic Energy Commission  
Germantown, Maryland

Enclosure

Tom McKinney, President  
Frenchville, Pa.

MOSQUITO CREEK SPORTSMEN'S ASSOCIATION

Frenchville, Pa.

December 3, 1959

Mr. Ross Leffler  
Assistant Secretary  
Department of the Interior  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Leffler:

While you and I have never met, I know a great deal about you and most likely you know of me thru our old friend Johnny Mock.

I have a very hot potato. It is so serious that I do not talk about it. There is no one in this state that I dare turn it over to. Any publicity given to it could be very harmful and possibly create some panic.

Certain information has come to me, not once or from one person but several people over several months concerning carelessness in handling fissionable material and the dumping of concentrated water into Mosquito Creek, a tributary of the Susquehanna that it cannot be ignored.

In each case I have pledged the informant to secrecy until such time that an investigation can be made by one who is qualified to make it. Any investigation would have to be made by the Atomic Energy Commission and I know no names there. I also am afraid of sending letter to the AEC not knowing whose hands it may get to or what disposition would be made of the letter.

Would you, Mr. Leffler, please, contact the AEC in which you probably would know someone. Advise them of this letter and upon a qualified person from the AEC I will give what information I now have and refer them to my sources of information which I did not seek. Other than that and the possibility there is nothing wrong I want no more to do with this potato

I sincerely regret that I must ask you for help, on the other hand there is no one in my knowledge that I feel can be trusted.

Thanking you for the help that only you can give, I am

Sincerely yours

/s/ Tom McKinney