

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

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SUBJECT: CONFERENCE WITH CONGRESSMAN JAMES QUIGLEY ON PEACH BOTTOM

On September 1, Clifford Beck and Robert Lowenstein held a discussion with Congressman James M. Quigley in his offices on Capitol Hill regarding the present status of the Peach Bottom Reactor Project. Congressman Quigley, a lawyer, appeared at the outset to be carrying on an aggressive defense of the Appeals Courts decision on the PRDC case, apparently as a continuation of a line of discussions held previously with Mr. Oulahan (AEC). Dr. Beck redirected the discussion along the lines of the basic findings and their implications involved to the issuance of a construction permit. He further explained in considerable detail the difference between a delayed finding of safety on certain aspects of projects, which is the usual situation encountered in the construction permit stage, and the inability to make a safety judgment on a required item at the construction permit stage, which is seldomly encountered.

Mr. Quigley seemed to find the discussion extremely helpful but gave no indication of what his future course might be on the Peach Bottom Project.

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