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Memorandum

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TO : Those Listed Below

DATE: JUL 31, 1964

FROM : Eugene Keith, News Service Branch
Division of Public Information

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SUBJECT: PUBLIC INFORMATION ON UNITED NUCLEAR CRITICALITY

This is a note of thanks to you for your help on the public information handling of the July 24 criticality incident at United Nuclear Corporation's Wood River Junction, Rhode Island, Fuels Recovery Plant. Public notice given to this event was generally responsible, restrained, and accurate, I think, and that seems to be the opinion of others at Headquarters. The factors contributing to this result include, of course, luck, superior local newspapers, the willingness of United Nuclear's Robert C. Johnson to set forth the facts, and perhaps also the reservoir of good will which Johnson said the company had in the area. Emphatically, the wise counsel and full help which each of you gave me was indispensable. This was a prime example of the value to the AEC of informing the public as fully, accurately, and promptly as possible. I was most impressed by the job the AEC people did and the manner in which they did it, and it was a privilege to work on such a team. Thank you.

Addressees:

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- Ernest P. Resner, Compliance Region I
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 Time 10:30
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