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Mr. John F. Gandy
Executive Director
Joint Committee on Atomic Energy
Congress of the United States

Dear Mr. Gandy:

Attached for the information of the Joint Committee is a
memorandum to inquiry concerning the appointment of a technical
review committee to review information being developed by
the Regulatory Staff concerning the nuclear accident
incident at British Nuclear Corporation's plant at Bradwell
Avenue, Essex, England.

We plan to use the response to answer some media questions
on the status of our work to determine the facts about the
accident.

Sincerely,

(signed) Harold L. Price

Harold L. Price
Director of Legislation

Attachment:
Subject to Inquiry

cc: H. L. Price
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INVESTIGATION

In keeping with the Commission's established procedure, the Director of Regulation has appointed a technical review committee to review and evaluate information being gathered by the AEC Regulatory Staff concerning the nuclear criticality accident July 26 at United Nuclear Corporation's plant in Idaho Falls.

The committee will review all information, check whether additional information should be gathered, and review and comment on information developed with respect to such matters as the nature of the incident, the cause or causes, and actions to be considered to take to eliminate or prevent similar incidents. The reports will be available.

Dr. Robert Serber, of the Research Reactor Division of Brookhaven National Laboratory, will be chairman of the committee. Dr. Serber also is Chairman of the Commission's Advisory Committee on Nuclear Safety.

Other members of the committee are Dr. Hugh G. Stetson, group leader at the Los Alamos Scientific Laboratory; Dr. Marvin H. Stone, AEC Assistant Director of Regulation for Nuclear Safety; Dr. Richard S. Ross, Director of the Commission's Division of Nuclear Licensing; Dr. Warren E. Muehle, Chairman of the Nuclear Engineering Department of Brookhaven National Laboratory; and Dr. Roger C. Mills, Director of the Nuclear Technical Division of the AEC Idaho Operations Office.