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INQUIRY RE UNITED NUCLEAR ACCIDENT AT RHODE ISLAND  
(YOUR TELEGRAM DATED JULY 29, 1964)

In reply to the inquiry of Dr. Kuehne and Dr. Gross for information on the nuclear accident at Charleston, Rhode Island, two news releases from the United Nuclear Corporation, the operator of a scrap uranium metal recovery plant in which the accident occurred, are enclosed. These releases indicate the main aspects of the event.

The man referred to as being in "fair" condition died from massive radiation exposure about two days after the accident. Radiation surveys indicated a small amount of short-lived radioactive material escaped from the plant from the accident, but there was no hazard to the public.

AEC inspectors and a technical review team are collecting detailed information and analyzing the factors which contributed to this accident. A report will be issued by the AEC when the review is completed, and a copy will be sent to you at that time.

Enclosures:  
UNC releases dtd 7/24 & 25

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