

From: Eliot Brenner PA
To: Rhonda Schwartz
Date: 8/2/05 1:26PM
Subject: Re: ABC Interest in Research Reactors

I'll call probably in the vicinity of 4p. my reference to adult supervision was somewhat in jest.

>>> "Schwartz, Rhonda" <Rhonda.Schwartz@abc.com> 08/02/05 12:48 PM >>>
Dear Mr. Brenner,

Thanks very much for your e-mail. Sorry I wasn't able to get back to you yesterday while I was traveling. I'm back in the office and can talk this afternoon at your convenience. Here's some additional background on my requests.

First, I'm not sure exactly what you may have heard about the research we're working on, but if you are referring to the Carnegie Fellows who are working with ABC News this summer, let me assure you that they are all adults. They've been working with us on a story that raises some troubling questions about the safety and security at some of the country's university research reactors.

That project is part of week-long series of stories currently being planned at ABC News which will focus on nuclear safety and security in this country post 9/11. Every ABC News program will deal with some aspect of the issue over the course of a week, culminating in a special report on 20/20 focusing on the research reactors. The correspondent for the project is Brian Ross, Chief Investigative Correspondent of ABC News.

We'd like to request an interview with the Chairman of the NRC, whose input would be an important part of this series. In addition to the issues regarding the research reactors, we'd also like to ask him about the handling and disposal of nuclear waste and other nuclear materials in commerce, and the safety and security of commercial nuclear power plants. As the nation's top law enforcement official in charge of these matters his participation would be invaluable.

I'm familiar with the materials you sent and appreciate being pointed to any other background information you think would be useful. It would also be very helpful if you could make introductions to the appropriate experts at the NRC who I should talk to about these subjects as we continue to work on this series of stories.

Sorry about the phone tag. I was tied up in the edit room on a deadline project this morning but will be free after 2PM. Please let me know the best time for you this afternoon and I'll be standing by my phone.

Sincerely,

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