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MEMORANDUM TO: R. W. Borchardt
Executive Director for Operations

FROM: Michael R. Johnson, Director **/RA/**
Office of New Reactors

SUBJECT: PROPOSED RESOURCES AND ORGANIZATIONAL
PLANS FOR THE NEXT FOUR YEARS

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Given all the above, please permanently close WITS 200600063.

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