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Donald F. Knuth

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Director of Regulation**X** KnuthDESCRIPTION Ltr  Original  Copy  Other

Encl ltr fm Charles W. Parrott III concerning previous  
corres. re problems at the Oconee plant and requests copy  
of report on incidents

REMARKS DR-6304, 6357, 6361

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Encl: cy ltr fm Mosely, Region II to Parrott

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IS NOTIFICATION TO THE JCAE

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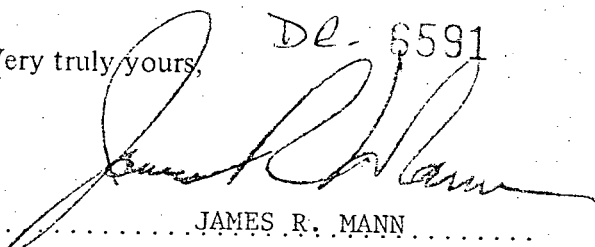
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, U.S.  
WASHINGTON, D. C.

... January 17, ....., 1974....


Mr. Donald F. Knuth  
Director of Regulatory Operations  
Atomic Energy Commission  
Washington, D. C. 20545

The attached communication is submitted for your consideration, and to ask that the request made therein be complied with, if possible.

If you will advise me of your action in this matter and have the letter returned to me with your reply, I will appreciate it.

Very truly yours, <sup>DE-6591</sup>  
  
..... JAMES R. MANN .....  
M.C.

South Carolina, Fourth ..... District.

Copy sent PDR  


January 14, 1974

Honorable James R. Mann  
 Congress of the United States  
 House of Representatives  
 Washington, D. C. 20515

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Dear Mr. Mann:

As you know, I have called some problems at the Oconee Nuclear Station to the attention of the AEC. Thanks to the efforts of yourself and Senator Ernest F. Hollings, an investigation ensued. I was contacted by a Mr. C. E. Murphy of the Atlanta AEC office, via telephone, and advised that all to the incidents that I had knowledge of had been confirmed...and that all had been investigated, and proper action taken. Mr. Murphy further stated that I would receive a detailed report of these incidents very shortly. In addition, Mr. Murphy was quite candid over the phone, and told me I could accompany him on subsequent investigations if I had information to reveal.

At this time, I felt that the AEC was really doing its job of regulation. In fact, I felt Mr. Murphy and the AEC was genuine in their concern over the problems at Oconee. So, I wrote a quite frank and honest letter to Mr. Norman C. Moseley, Director, Directorate of Regulatory Operations, Atlanta, Georgia. I did not make a copy of this letter, but told Mr. Moseley that I would be willing to tour Oconee with Mr. Murphy, and point out the tripped monitors that I mentioned to him over the phone. And I thanked him for the material sent, and told him I was looking forward to the report that Mr. Murphy said would be sent to me as soon as it was complete.

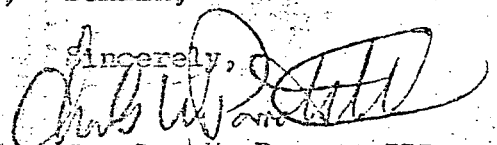
Please note that Mr. Murphy suggested that I tour Oconee with him, and that he told me the report would be sent me. I have no desire to get any closer to Oconee than necessary...so you can imagine my surprise when I received the enclosed letter from Mr. Moseley.

I feel that the report on the incidents I brought out concerning Oconee should be sent me, as promised. As far as visiting Oconee again, I wasn't the one suggesting it...it was Mr. Murphy. If my presence could assist the AEC, I'd be willing to make the trip. But Oconee is certainly not where I would plan a picnic.

I can (and will, if necessary) go to the Walhalla Library to view the report, but this will work a hardship on me, as my time is quite limited, as I must work to support my family and the U. S. Government. Since I brought these incidents to the attention of the AEC, I feel that the sending of the report to me is quite minor. I urge you to contact the AEC and suggest they send me a copy of the report, as promised. Rest assured that I will study it quite carefully, and advise you of any discrepancies that I might find. Also, I am currently studying the Environmental Impact Statement of the Westinghouse Plutonium Plant, the Barnwell Reprocessing Plant, and the ROE's and EIS for Oconee...so I'm quite busy.

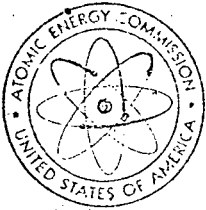
Thanking you again for your assistance in these matters, I remain,

Sincerely,



Charles W. Parrott III  
 President, PCN

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January 7, 1974

Mr. Charles W. Parrott, III  
President  
Piedmont Organic Movement  
714 S. Line Street  
Greer, South Carolina 29651

Dear Mr. Parrott:

This is in response to your letter dated December 20, 1973.

The occurrences which you called to our attention in your letter dated November 12, 1973, were reviewed by our inspectors during the week of December 3, 1973. Our inspection findings concerning these occurrences were discussed by telephone with you on December 4, 1973, by Mr. Murphy of this office. A copy of our reports of these inspections (Reports Number 50-269/73-13 and 270/73-17) will be sent to the Walhalla Library by approximately February 1, 1974, and will be available there for you and any other member of the public to review.

We will not be able to allow you to accompany our inspectors on an inspection visit to the Oconee site. We have found that the presence of observers during our inspections tends to decrease the effectiveness of the inspector in making the necessary in-depth review of specific inspection areas. For this reason, this practice is not in accord with our inspection program. During a future inspection we will, however, look into the circumstances relating to your observation that at least one-third of the radiation monitors were tripped when you visited the control room. We will also check on any other specific information which you provide to us.

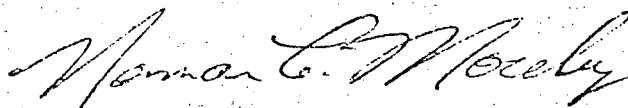
Mr. Charles W. Parrott, III

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January 7, 1974

Mr. Murphy will be happy to meet with you at a mutually convenient time to discuss any concerns you have concerning operations at Oconee.

Sincerely,



Norman C. Moseley  
Director

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cc: Mrs. Louise Mancum, Librarian  
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