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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION
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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chairman Hendrie

FROM: Harold R. Denton, Director,
Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation

SUBJECT: MEMORANDUM OF APPRECIATION - DORIS F. MOSSBURG

Immediately after the Friday morning call on March 30, 1979 from you, I asked Doris if she would be willing to accompany me here to Three Mile Island. She immediately said yes and within hours we were airborne from the Naval Hospital helicopter pad. During those first few days, Doris alone attended to all the details being generated by the innumerable conversations, meetings, phone calls, and personal problems. While that period is mostly a blur, one clear memory is Doris handing me the phone in Mrs. Dewey's living room and saying "the President is on the line". She converted our bare trailer, which we obtained on Saturday, into a functional office with a telephone, telecopier, xerox copier, files, and typewriter. We began each day before 7:00 AM and ended many days after midnight including an occasion when she accompanied me on a late night briefing of Gov. Thornburg. While I received press attention for my calmness, she was truly unflappable. Her demeanor under pressure and good spirits sustained us. Simply stated, she was superlative, and is as responsible as any of us for the accomplishments of the NRC staff.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Harold R. Denton".

Harold R. Denton, Director
Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation
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