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NOTE FOR: Chairman Hendrie

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SUBJECT: NRC ACCIDENT REVIEW

The President will most likely announce tonight that he is establishing a review commission and the pressure for Congressional inquiries is building rapidly. I believe the NRC should announce formation of its own review as soon as possible, preferably this afternoon. Peter and I have spent a reasonable amount of time thinking about how such a review should be undertaken and how it might relate with the President's review. I believe Peter is better prepared to speak to the latter than I. I have spoken with NASA (Frosch and Allnutt) and as you know, with the Navy (Adm Rickover!) I also have information from Steve Hanauer, the FAA, and the National Transportation Safety Board.

I belive the most useful way of deciding how the Commission ought to approach this problem would be to squeeze in 45 minutes this afternoon to allow Peter and I to describe what we have found out and our conclusions, and prepare a press release.

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