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W. C. Seidle, Chief, RC&ES Branch

FROM:

R. E. Hall, Chief, Engineering Support Section

SUBJECT:

HEWSPAPER ARTICLE REGARDING WATERFORD, UNIT 3

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Pursuant to your request, I contacted the author of the enclosed newspaper article regarding the "allegation" contained in the third column. Mr. Jim Amoss (504 58t-3560) is a staff writer for the New Orleans States Item, the New Orleans afternoon paper. After identifying myself to him, he indicated that he had no further information than that presented in the article. The three concrete workers he talked to were working on the Intake Structure, a nonsafety related structure; but did say their comments also were applicable to prior work on the plant proper. He did not know if they were J. A. Jones or Boh Bros. workers. Only J. A. Jones did safety related work at Waterford, Unit 3.

I tried to impress upon him how important it is to obtain sufficient specifics to permit pursuit of all allegations; and that if he does get allegations, we would follow to completion any he relayed to us. His moral obligation to help assure the safety of the Waterford, Unit 3 facility was stressed, as were our statutory obligations. He was given the RIV telephone number should further items be brought to his attention. The Waterford, Unit 3 NCR process was also explained to him.

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Based on the vagueness of the allegation and the reported employees relationship to previous safety related work activities, it is not considered practical to pursue this matter further.

"Origina! Signed by: R. E. HALL"

R. E. Hall, Chief Engineering Support Section

Enclosure: News article - New Orleans States Item, April 3, 1979

cc: W. A. Crossman R. C. Stewart

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