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Gentlemen:

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SKYLAB REENTRY

Description of Circumstances:

The most recent dates for reentry of Skylab are July 10 to 14, 1979, with July 12, as the most probable date. Recognizing that a hit on a nuclear power plant would be highly unlikely by Skylab debris, the NRC believes it would be prudent for licensees to review their contingency plans in case such an event should actually occur.

The NRC is in communication with the Department of Energy (DOE), and will receive notification from them as soon as the reentry corridor can be established. This notification may occur within 1 to 2 hours before reentry actually occurs. If it is determined that there are any licensed nuclear power plants in the reentry corridor, the plants will receive notification from their respective Regional Office via the dedicated phone line.

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