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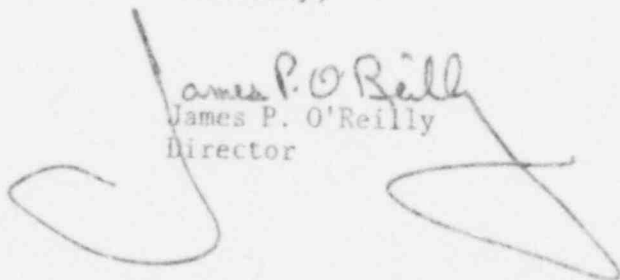
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Gentlemen:

Since the Three Mile Island incident, the NRC Commissioners, the public and the media have expressed an increased interest in the status of operating nuclear power plants and fuel facilities. This interest has now reached a level where it is desirable to know, on a daily basis, the status of nuclear facilities with operating licenses. We request your cooperation in obtaining this information. We plan to contact each operating fuel facility possessing significant quantities of strategic special nuclear material on the dedicated phone between the hours of 4:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. This call will also be used as the check of the dedicated telephone line. The amount of time required should not exceed one or two minutes for any facility since we will only be asking for the operating status of each plant. We would like to have a very brief description of the status of your facility's major manufacturing processes. During prolonged shutdowns, we will not make these status calls. Implementation of this program will start Monday, July 23, 1979.

Please notify your responsible plant personnel of this program. If you have any questions, please call the Regional Office.

Sincerely,


James P. O'Reilly
Director

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