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Nuclear Regulatory Commission  
1717 H. Street N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20555

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION  
ACT REQUEST

FOIA 79-172  
REC 4-5-9-79

Dear Sir:

Pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. §552, I request access to the following documents:

1. Any communication from the Nuclear Regulatory Commission ("NRC") to a public utility asking about files, dossiers or other documents maintained about individuals or groups who have expressed opposition to the utility's energy policies or practices;
2. Any communication from a public utility describing, explaining or pertaining to the collection of information about individuals or groups who have expressed opposition to the utility's energy policies or practices
3. Any document describing, explaining or pertaining to the NRC's collection or maintenance of information about individuals or groups who have expressed opposition to government or utility energy policies or practices.

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If you determine that some or all of the foregoing documents are exempt from release, I would appreciate your advising me as to which exemptions you believe cover the material which you are not releasing. Moreover, I specifically request that you itemize such exemptions with particular reference to the portions of each document being withheld pursuant to the exemptions claimed and that you justify such exemptions pursuant to the requirements of Vaughn v Rosen, 484 F.2d 820 (D.C. Cir. 1973).

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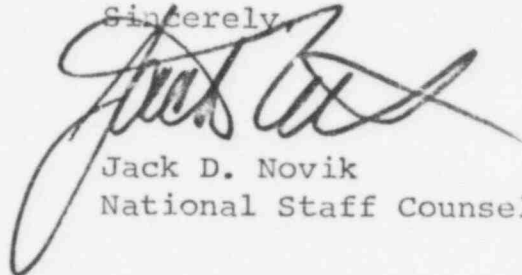
Norman Dorsen, Chairperson, Board of Directors. Ira Glasser, Executive Director.  
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As you know, the amended Act permits you to reduce or waive search and copying fees if it "is in the public interest because furnishing the information can be considered as primarily benefiting the public." I believe that this request plainly fits that category and ask that you waive any fees associated with this request.

If you have any questions regarding this request, feel free to contact me at your convenience. As provided for in the FOIA, I will expect to receive the release of the requested documents within 10 working days.

Sincerely,



Jack D. Novik  
National Staff Counsel

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