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IN RESPONSE REFER
TO FOIA-79-260
NRDC/TBC/79-25

Dear Mr. Cochran:

This is in response to your letter dated July 6, 1979, in which you requested, pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act, all documents generated or utilized by the Task Force on Safeguards Policy and any subsequent information developed by the NRC pertaining to recommendations of the Task Force.

You agreed in a telephone conversation on July 18, 1979 with Ms. Carol Ann Reed of my staff to an extension of ten working days for NRC's response.

Documents 1 through 5 of Appendix A are located in the NRC Public Document Room (PDR) at 1717 H Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. Documents 6 through 14 of Appendix A are being placed in the PDR.

The enclosure to document 1 of Appendix B is a draft (February 8, 1979) of the Report by the Task Force on NRC Safeguards Policy. The document reflects the Task Force's advice, conclusion, deliberations, opinions and recommendations and is being withheld from public disclosure pursuant to Exemption (5) of the Freedom of Information Act (5 U.S.C. 552(b)(5)) and 10 CFR 9.5(a)(5) of the Commission's regulations. The non-exempt cover memo of this document is being placed in the PDR.

Pursuant to 10 CFR 9.9 of the Commission's regulations, it has been determined that the information withheld is exempt from production or disclosure and that its production or disclosure is contrary to the public interest. The persons responsible for this denial are the undersigned and Mr. William J. Dircks, Director, Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards.

This denial may be appealed to the Commission's Executive Director for Operations within 30 days from the receipt of this letter. As provided in 10 CFR 9.11, any such appeal must be in writing, addressed to the Executive Director for Operations, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555 and should clearly state on the envelope and in the letter that it is an "Appeal from an Initial FOIA Decision."

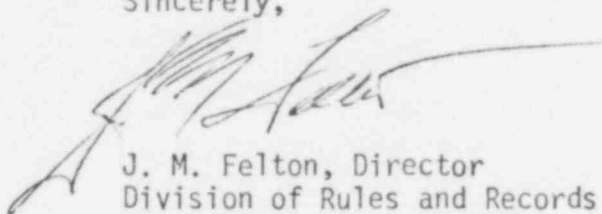
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There are additional documents subject to your request which are still undergoing review. When the reviews have been completed, we will inform you of the disclosure determinations.

Sincerely,

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J. M. Felton, Director
Division of Rules and Records
Office of Administration

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APPENDIX A

1. March 16, 1979 SECY 79-188, TASK FORCE ON NRC SAFEGUARDS POLICY
2. May 21, 1976 Memo to L. V. Gossick from S. J. Chilk, "SECY 75-729A-Safeguards Objective"
3. January 21, 1977 Memorandum and Order from S. J. Chilk entitled "Licensees Authorized to Possess or Transport Strategic Quantities of Special Nuclear Materials"
4. December 2, 1975 BDM Corporation Report entitled "Analysis of Group Size" (BDM/W-75-247-TR)
5. Undated Extract entitled "Analysis of Group Size Distribution" from BDM Corporation Report (BDM/W-75-176-TR).
6. Undated Comments on the Safeguards Task Force Report

7. Undated Vugraphs and backup sheets for Task Force on NRC Safeguards Policy
8. June 13, 1977 Memo to L. V. Gossick from C. V. Smith "Evolution of NRC Policy Concerning Characterization of Threat to the Licensed Nuclear Industry"
9. January 26, 1979 Memo to W. J. Dircks, et al., from L. V. Gossick, "Task Force on NRC Safeguards Policy"
10. February 5, 1979 Memo to H. R. Denton, et al., from W. J. Dircks, "Task Force on NRC Safeguards Policy"
11. February 26, 1979 Route Slip to S. Mullen from B. Evans with enclosure
12. March 13, 1979 Memo to J. R. Miller from R. F. Burnett "John Surmeier's Comments"
13. April 27, 1979 Memo to R. F. Burnett, et al., "Task Force on NRC Stafguards Policy - Design Basis Threat Levels"
14. January 3, 1977 Memo to B. Huberman from R. B. Minogue "SECY 76-242C-Physical Protection of Nuclear Power Reactors Against Industrial Sabotage"

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APPENDIX B

1. February 8, 1979

Memo to J. R. Miller, et al., from R. F.
Burnett "Task Force on NRC Safeguards Policy"

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