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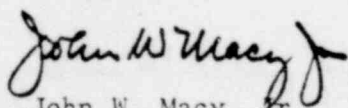
Dear Mr. Hendrie:

I am writing to recommend a meeting as soon as convenient between NRC and FEMA officials to discuss areas of mutual concern on radiological emergency planning for nuclear facilities. This is particularly important in view of the recent action on Senate Bill S. 562 and the pending work on this measure in the House next month.

My earlier conversations with you and Bob Ryan have identified many issues on which cooperative efforts by NRC and FEMA will improve national emergency readiness and federal support to the State and local government. An agenda for the meeting should call for discussions on needed revisions to current federal planning assumptions and inter-agency assignments, enhanced coordination of NRC's regulatory and licensing authorities with FEMA's emergency readiness and response responsibilities, lead agency assignments in the various aspects of overall nuclear incident planning, and requirements for more effective and comprehensive federal support at the regional, State and local level. I'm sure you would wish to add other topics for the meeting.

I have asked John McConnell of my staff to work with NRC representatives you designate on the details of the conference. Mr. McConnell may be reached at 697-8314.

Sincerely,



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