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Secretary of the Commission
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington, DC 20555

ATTENTION: Docketing and Service Branch

Gentlemen:

SUBJECT: Federal Register, Volume 44, No. 50 - Tuesday,
March 13, 1979; (7590-01-M) NRC Privacy Act
of 1974 - New System of Records - NRC Oral
History Program

This notice discusses a proposed new system of record keeping which contemplates the use of magnetic tape, followed by transcription of individual interviews with NRC employees, former employees, and others. The program anticipates these oral interviews to be on a voluntary basis. The information would be used for developing the history of the NRC for the use of historians and other researchers in the future.

I believe additional cost benefit type information should be made available before this program is implemented. In particular, I recommend disinterested but knowledgeable executives be consulted in arriving at the conclusion relating to benefit because of the highly subjective nature of this assessment. I believe also recognition should be made of our President's announced wish to reduce the cost of government and particularly that of government regulation. I am certain that this program when viewed from an overall budgetary aspect will have minimal costs, but its incorporation into the NRC program may be indicative of an attitude contrary to the announced policy of the President.

Sincerely,

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