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MEMORANDUM FOR: Joe Fouchard, Office of Public Affairs
 FROM: D. Ross, Jr., Task Director, Bulletins and Orders
 SUBJECT: GAS RELEASE AT TMI-2 ON APRIL 2-3 1979

I read the CJR study of TMI. It characterized the role of NRC-PA differently from my recollection. I was on duty all night at the NRR trailer. My recollection is that there was radio dialogue about 1:00AM on April 3 with respect to a minor leak, but that there was never any deliberate release authorized by NRC. I talked to K. Abraham several times before 3:00AM to clarify the question from the Philadelphia Inquirer, who had overheard our radio. I asked Benaroya for his recollection; it is enclosed.

For background reading I am enclosing a copy of the NRR trailer log from April 2, 1979.

You may wish to circulate this to Karl Abraham. I believe it shows there was no "coverup" with respect to a release. Actually the release level from the various sources varied randomly and it would be difficult to associate an action to a release.

I said somewhat the above at an interview with Susan Stranahan of the Inquirer some time ago.

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D. F. Ross, Jr., Director
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