

April 19, 1979

MEMORANDUM FOR THE HONORABLE JOSEPH CALIFANO
THE HONORABLE PATRICIA HARRIS
THE HONORABLE JAMES SCHLESINGER
THE HONORABLE ROBERT BERGLAND
THE HONORABLE RAY MARSHALL
THE HONORABLE JUANITA KREPS
THE HONORABLE DOUGLAS COSTLE
THE HONORABLE GRACIELA OLIVEREZ
THE HONORABLE VERNON WEAVER

FROM:

JACK WATSON *Jack*

SUBJECT:

Coordination of Federal Response to
Three Mile Island and Designation
of Thomas C. Maloney as Lead Federal
Official

The diverse impacts of the Three Mile Island incident will require an appropriate and coordinated long-term federal response linked to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania's plans.

Governor Thornburgh has identified several areas in which the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania will seek federal assistance: monitoring and mitigation of health, environmental and economic impacts; and ongoing maintenance of an effective emergency preparedness posture as a precautionary measure.

Accordingly, I have designated Thomas C. Maloney, Chairman of the MidAtlantic Federal Regional Council, to serve as lead federal official with responsibility for coordinating federal involvement in responding to the impact of the Three Mile Island incident. As the lead federal official, Mr. Maloney will keep my office advised of state requests and proposed federal responses. Mr. Maloney's address is Room 900, Curtis Building, 6th and Walnut Streets, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, 19106, and his telephone number is FTS 597-2560 or 215/597-2560.

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Certain federal agencies continue to have direct responsibilities which will be performed concurrently with Mr. Maloney's duties. The Nuclear Regulatory Commission will continue to have full on-site responsibility at Three Mile Island. The Environmental Protection Agency has been assigned, and will continue to have, the lead for all direct federal activities pertaining to environmental monitoring. My memorandum of April 13, 1979, on this subject is attached for your information and remains in effect. Mr. Maloney will work with the NRC and the EPA as necessary.

Specifically, Mr. Maloney's responsibilities include assuring effective communication within the Federal government and with the Governor and state officials, identification of problems requiring federal assistance, delivery of needed and appropriate federal assistance, and monitoring the effectiveness and quality of federal responses.

Existing federal programs and procedures which are unrelated to the Three Mile Island incident remain unaffected by Mr. Maloney's assignment.

All Three Mile Island related state and local contacts with the Federal government will flow through a state coordinator designated by the Governor to Mr. Maloney. With only the exceptions of the direct NRC and EPA roles, all federal contacts must be made through Mr. Maloney. This includes all federal actions involving technical assistance and grants and loans.

This procedure is necessary to assure effective federal-state coordination, efficient and timely delivery of federal services, and avoidance of duplication or oversights.

I will appreciate the continuing support and cooperation of your staffs, both here and in the field, as we work with Pennsylvania officials on the longer term consequences of the accident at Three Mile Island.

Enclosure

cc: Joseph Hendric,
Nuclear Regulatory Commission

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