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THE WHITE HOUSE

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM:

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SUBJECT:

Recent Contingency Plans -
Three Mile Nuclear Facility

At the meeting of the subcommittee on the Committee on Public Works and Transportation on March 19, 1979, the following decisions were made:

- It will be the responsibility of the subcommittee to coordinate the work of the subcommittee on the Three Mile Nuclear Facility with the work of the subcommittee on the Public Works and Transportation.
- It is the policy of the subcommittee to continue to support the work of the subcommittee on the Three Mile Nuclear Facility.

The subcommittee will continue to support the work of the subcommittee on the Three Mile Nuclear Facility. The subcommittee will continue to support the work of the subcommittee on the Public Works and Transportation.

I have conveyed the subcommittee's decision to the appropriate agencies and the extent of the subcommittee's support for the Three Mile Nuclear Facility. I have also conveyed the subcommittee's decision to the appropriate agencies.

- Called Governor Brownback and advised him of the subcommittee's decision. He was most supportive. We will keep in contact with him and other states as the situation unfolds.
- Called the Secretary of the Department of Energy and advised him of the subcommittee's decision. He was most supportive. We will keep in contact with him and other states as the situation unfolds.

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- When the Joint Chiefs of Staff report to the President that the Joint Chiefs of Staff (JCS) do not believe that the existing evacuation system is adequate for the evacuation of the area, the system would be changed by the JCS. I have asked that plans be set for evacuation that extend to 15 and 20 miles from the site.
- Asked that JOD's Director of Military Support prepare plans to provide temporary housing and feeding of people if evacuation occurs.
- Asked Frank's office to brief the Pennsylvania delegation on our activities and state coordination lines.
- Asked HEM and its Center for Disease Control to prepare plans to provide necessary medical supplies and services in the event of (a) a worsening of the exposure and/or (b) an evacuation decision.
- Asked that HEM work with the Governor's office to prepare necessary emergency and/or disaster relief requests so that a minimum of time is taken in processing them if the Governor decides to make such requests.

There is no question that we are operating on a contingency and stand-by basis. We want to be ready to act if called upon, but there is agreement at every level that the lead remains with the state officials.

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