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SUBJECT:

PRESIDENT'S COMMISSION DEPOSITIONS OF MET ED PERSONNEL

About a month ago, the staff of the President's Commission interviewed scores of Met Ed employees at TMI and taped the interviews. Apparently, most or all of the tapes of this round of interviews were not transcribed. Now, the Commission's staff has returned to do "formal" interviews with the same people, using court reporters. In the past two weeks they have deposed about thirty to thirty-five people. They will finish next Monday.

Met Ed has or will soon have a complete collection of deposition transcripts at the site. I have asked for a list of Met Ed personnel deposed and alerted them that we will be requesting some or all of the deposition transcripts. If copies of the transcripts are to be available at the Met Ed law firm in Washington, we may be able to obtain several copies of each transcript by the end of next week. If we must obtain them from the site, this process could take somewhat longer.

I have notified Met Ed's lawyer that we tentatively want to take depositions of Met Ed employees and management people the second and third weeks of September. I also told him that we wished to do a pre-deposition informal interview with Jack Herbein and possibly with one or two other Met Ed personnel in the last week of August.

It occurs to me that "pre-deposition" interviews might also be advisable with a few NRC people, especially Harold Denton. Please let me know if you think this is a good idea, and if so, who might be interviewed in this fashion in addition to Mr. Denton.

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