UNITED STATES
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20555

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chairman Ahearne
Commissioner Gilinsky
Commissioner Kennedy
Commissioner Hendrie
Commissioner Bradford

THRU: William J. Dircks, Acting
Executive Director for Operations

FROM: Victor Stello, Jr., Director
Office of Inspection and Enforcement

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR LIMITED SUBPOENA AUTHORITY

As directed by the Commission, IE, with OIA assistance, is continuing its investigation at Three Mile Island. We estimate that we will need to interview thirty to forty licensee employees during this investigation. On April 10, 1980, NRC investigators interviewed seven of the TMI operating staff. Others, thereafter, refused to be interviewed unless they were subpoenaed. Testimony from these individuals is essential to our investigation. Accordingly, I request that the Commission delegate to me the authority to issue the necessary subpoenas in this matter. I do not request authority for redelegation. I will personally evaluate the necessity for each subpoena issued. The authority is requested to be in effect only until June 10, 1980. The proposed delegation prepared by OELD is attached.

Victor Stello, Jr.
Director
Office of Inspection
and Enforcement

ATTACHMENT:
Proposed Memo to Stello
fm Chairman re Subpoena
Authority

MEMORANDUM FOR: Victor Stello, Jr., Director
Office of Inspection and Enforcement

FROM: John F. Ahearne
Chairman

SUBJECT: DELEGATION OF AUTHORITY TO ISSUE SUBPOENAS IN
CONNECTION WITH INVESTIGATION OF TMI

You are hereby delegated authority to issue subpoenas under Section 161c.
of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended, to assist in the conduct
of the investigation at Three Mile Island directed by my memorandum of
March 21, 1980.

The above authority may not be redelegated and shall expire on
June 10, 1980.

This delegation has been made pursuant to the vote taken during
Affirmation Session   on April   1980.

John F. Ahearne
Chairman