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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION  
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MEMORANDUM FOR: Richard E. Cunningham, Director  
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James H. Sniezek, Director  
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FROM: G. Wayne Kerr, Assistant Director  
for State Agreements Program  
Office of State Programs

SUBJECT: TEXAS REQUEST FOR INFORMATION ON CONTAMINATION INCIDENT  
INVOLVING HOUSTON GAMMA RAY CO.

We have received a request for assistance from Texas to obtain details on an incident which occurred in the 1950's involving Houston Gamma Ray Co. The company was then located at 5412 Schuler Street, Houston and, in 1963 when Texas became an Agreement State, possessed AEC license no. 42-01349-04.

According to information supplied to Texas, the licensee had an incident in the 1950's involving a ruptured Cs-137 source. The material was originally buried on-site but 2-3 months later was removed and shipped off-site. Texas has surveyed the Schuler Street address and found contamination. Gamma levels are twice background in the soil and up to 100 X background on concrete surfaces.

Any light we are able to shed on this will be appreciated by Texas.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "G. Wayne Kerr".

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