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MEMORANDUM FOR: The Files

FROM: Robert B. Minogue, Director
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SUBJECT: 10 CFR PART 72

On April 18, 1980, Mr. Cole McClure of the Bechtel Corporation called me in regard to a point initially identified in SECY-79-300 which I had raised a few days earlier in briefing the Commission on technical issues concerned with Appendix A to Part 100. I had made a particular point to the Commission of the importance of distinguishing between the basis for structural design, and the assessment of site earthquake effects concerned with foundation geology. Mr. McClure expressed concern that Part 72 properly reflect this distinction, particularly in view of its approach of specifying a standardized structural design basis selected with very great conservatism. He said that he personally supported the idea of a standardized structural design basis for this type of facility and considered it a very reasonable approach, but that it was important for the wording to make clear that the concept is intended to apply to the design of structures.

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