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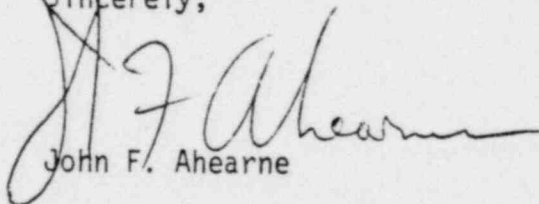
The Honorable James T. McIntyre
Director
Office of Management and Budget
Washington, DC 20503

Dear Mr. McIntyre:

On April 7, 1980, OMB cut the Nuclear Regulatory Commission's FY 80 travel and transportation funds about 10 percent below the travel budget appropriated for FY 80. On May 1, 1980, Mr. Dircks, the NRC's Acting Executive Director for Operations, wrote John White detailing the impacts of the travel reductions and proposing a new funding ceiling which assumes Congressional approval of the FY 1980 Supplemental for the NRC. I fully support this proposal and solicit your assistance in obtaining approval of it.

In acting on the FY 80 budget request, Congress added \$500,000 for the travel associated with hiring, training, and placing resident inspectors at reactor sites. This is consistent with the President's statements on the importance of accelerating the placement of a resident inspector at every reactor site. However, OMB's cut will severely limit the NRC's ability to carry out its required functions.

Sincerely,


John F. Ahearne

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