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Transcript of Discussion of Testimony to be Given During the Week of May 5 Monday, May 5, 1980

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    DISCUSSION OF TESTIMONY TO BE GIVEN DURING THE WEEK OF MAY 5
                                            Nuclear Regulatory Commission
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                                            Chairman's Conference Room
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               The Commission met in closed session, pursuant to
  notice, at 3:15 p.m.
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         BEFORE:
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               JOHN F. AHEARNE, Chairman of the Commission VICTOR GILINSKY, Commissioner
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               RICHARD T. KENNEDY, Commissioner
JOSEPH M. HENDRIE, Commissioner
PETER A. BRADFORD, Commissioner
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         ALSO PRESENT:
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               J. Becker
               T. Rothschild
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               J. Lafleur
               W. Reamer
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               L. Bickwit
               V. Harding
               E. Fay
               J. Shea
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               S. Kent
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PROCEEDINGS

- 2 CHAIRMAN AHEARNE: This will be a discussion of
- 3 potential legislative testimony to be given during the week of
- 4 May 5th, and therefore I would like a vote to close on
- 5 Exemption 9, frustration of agency intent.
- 6 (Chorus of Ayes.)
- 7 CHAIRMAN AHEARNE: We all agree.
- 8 Then we have scheduled on May 7th, I guess -- Ed, is
- 9 that right?

- 10 VOICE: Seventh.
- 11 CHAIRMAN AHEARNE: --- to testify in front of Mr.
- 12 Bingham on the Philippines, or I guess no, it is a set of
- 13 questions. So I guess we have a proposed draft testimony and
- 14 responses to six questions that were posed by the
- 15 subcommittee. I think we would need to address whether or not
- 16 this draft testimony is acceptable and, if not, then it be
- 17 changed. Are the answers to the questions acceptable?
- 18 So what is your pleasure?
- 19 COMMISSIONER HENDRIE: It is fine with me, except
- 20 that reference to the issuance of a Commission opinion on the
- 21 5th of May. Although we have nine hours or eight hours and
- 22 forty minutes to go, it may not in fact turn out to be the
- 23 case.
- 24 COMMISSIONER GILINSKY: .ould you read it this time
- 25 or what?

- 1 (Laughter)
- 2 CHAIRMAN AHEARNE: It depends on the length of time
- 3 we have available for the hearing.
- 4 COMMISSIONER GILINSKY: I would propose that you
- 5 have a sort of two-page statement that summarizes where we
- 6 re.
- 7 CHAIRMAN AHEARNE: I think if this were single
- 8 spaced it would be three pages.
- 9 COMMISSIONER GILINSKY: This must be a new version.
- 10 I guess I haven't seen this one.
- 11 CHAIRMAN AHEARNE: This came out May 1st, last
- 12 Thursday. The questions are most of the fault, the drafts,
- 13 but the testimony ---
- 14 COMMISSIONER GILINSKY: How many double-spaced pages
- 15 were they?
- 16 CHAIRMAN AMEARNE: Six double spaced which would be
- 17 three single spaced. --- which seemed to, I think, adequately
- 18 summarize what I thought the Commission was coming out with.
- 19 COMMISSIONER GILINSKY: I mean, there is no
- 20 Commission opinion.
- 21 MR. BICKWIT: That is right.
- 22 COMMISSIONER GILINSKY: So you are going to have to
- 23 say somebody's opinion and somebody's opinion. Do you feel
- 24 you can do all that, Len.
- MR. BICKWIT: Yes, we have actually done that. It

- 1 would say, "In the Commission's recent Philippine export
- 2 license proceeding as set forth therein." And we would
- 3 request that the text of the opinions of the various members
- 4 of the Commission be included in the record of this hearing.
- 5 COMMISSIONER GILINSKY: So you would what, say that
- 6 one view is that we lack legal authority and another view is
- 7 that ---
- MR. BICKWIT: Well, what we usually do is write what
- 9 the majority of the Commission feels.
- 10 COMMISSIONER GILINSKY: So you would stick to the
- 11 overlap?
- MR. BICKWIT: Yes.
- 13 COMMISSIONER GILINSKY: Well, we could that. I
- 14 think given it is tomorrow I think it would be simpler just
- 15 to ---
- 16 MR. BICKWIT: Wednesday.
- 17 COMMISSIONER GILINSKY: Oh, Wednesday. The simpler
- 18 course would be simply to have kind of a status report and
- 19 then just submit the various opinions and take questions if
- 20 they want us to go on at length. But certainly this could be
- 21 altered in such as way as to accurately report the state of
- 22 affairs.
- 23 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Is there something wrong with
- 24 this as a statement of the majority's view? I thought it was
- 25 an unusually accurate reflection.

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1 COMMISSIONER BRADFORD: It certainly states the view
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- 2 of what was once the draft majority. Whether it does it in
- 3 such a way as to do violence to Victor's comparing here or
- 4 not, I don't know.
- 5 MR. BICKWIT: Well, I have been over it and I think
- 6 there is a majority for every proposition.
- 7 (Laughter)
- 8 MR. BICKWIT: The majority does shift, however.
- 9 (Laughter)
- MR. BICKWIT: Some majority or other.
- 11 CHAIRMAN AHEARNE: It seemed to me that it tracked
- 12 with what the Commission was doing. The only problem I had
- 13 with it was I thought we had formally entered into agreement
- 14 with the Philippines rather than within the next few weeks we
- 15 Will.
- MR. LAFLEUR: Right. We haven't now. We have
- 17 marked it up. We have marked our copy. We got the cable
- 18 after we sent this in. It was effective the 28th of April.
- 19 CHAIRMAN AHEARNE: Now, the other question ' had is
- 20 that I thought the Commission decision was we would not
- 21 consider impacts on U. S. citizens located abroad, whereas
- 22 this draft says we would not consider impacts on U. S.
- 23 military bases located abroad.
- VOICE: Where are you?
- 25 CHAIRMAN AHEARNE: This is on the top of page 2.

- 1 You know, it hapened in this particular case. That was the
- 2 major issue.
- 3 MR. BICKWIT: I think citizens follow a fortiori, to
- 4 use a legal expression.
- 5 (Laughter.)
- 6 CHAIRMAN AHEARNE: But that would mean that in the
- 7 absence ---
- 8 COMMISSIONER HENDRIE: Change the word.
- 9 MR. BICKWIT: It is obvious, but we can change it,
- io yes.
- 11 CHAIRMAN AHEARNE: Well, but you see, you might
- 12 concluded that you would consider impact on citizens.
- 13 MR. BICKWIT: I think that would be an unlikely
- 14 position.
- 15 CHAIRMAN AHEARNE: You never can tell.
- MR. BICKWIT: Well, you never know.
- 17 COMMISSIONER BRADFORD: It would be not inconsistent
- 18 with considering the fish but not the military.
- 19 (Laughter.)
- 20 CHAIRMAN AHEARNE: I think it also includes any
- 21 mammals who may just be swimming offshore.
- Joe, do you think you can live with it.
- 23 COMMISSIONER HENDRIE: Yes, I have no problem. I
- 24 think my view on the testimony is that relatively short
- 25 front-end which, it seemed to me, did reflect the places that

- 1 at least three of us have come together on the various points.
- 2 It does need the cleaning up about the date and whose opinion
- 3 it is.
- 4 CHAIRMAN AHEARNE: I know Dick agrees, but since
- 5 there are three of you who formed the fundamental majority ---
- 6 COMMISSIONER GILINSKY: Well, I am not sure I like
- 7 all parts of it, so I will just indicate what I'don't care
- 8 for.
- 9 CHAIRMAN AHEARNE: Could you mark it up and get back 10 to Len with it.
- 11 COMMISSIONER GILINSKY: Yes.
- 12 CHAIRMAN AHEARNE: Peter?
- 13 COMMISSIONER BRADFORD: As to the testimony itself,
- 14 putting this aside, if the majority if comfortable, then by
- 15 all means. I guess I don't look forward to trying to prepare
- 16 a separate statement between now and Wednesday, but I
- 17 obviously would bring back my separate opinion.
- 18 CHAIRMAN AHEARNE: I think we would probably
- 19 expect, assuming we get the decision out, to submit the
- 20 individual statements which would focus specifically on the
- 21 Philippines case, and I would guess much of the questions may
- 22 then end up focused on those.
- 23 COMMISSIONER BRADFORD: Do you want to pass on to
- 24 the questions?
- 25 CHAIRMAN AHEARNE: Yes, that is the next thing, if

- 1 we have it clear.
- 2 So, Dick, you will be providing comments on what as
- 3 part of the majority you could not take; is that correct?
- 4 COMMISSIONER GILINSKY: Well, I will mark this up,
- 5 and then, you know, we will see what people ---
- 6 MR. BICKWIT: It may turn out that we don't have a
- 7 majority for some of the propositions.
- 8 CHAIRMAN AHEARNE: Len, would you try to handle that
- g review process?
- 10 MR. BICKWIT: Yes.
- 11 CHAIRMAN AHEARNE: To move on with the questions,
- 12 did anyone have any problem with question one as well as the
- 13 answer?
- 14 COMMISSIONER BRADFORD: On question one I would have
- 15 said, based on -- I may be a draft behind here in one or two
- 16 cases -- but based on the last edition of Victor's opinion
- 17 that I saw, he was saying that as a matter of discretion with
- 18 regard to our relationship to the Ex-Im Bank, and conceivably
- 19 also the recipient country, he would do at least many of the
- 20 things that I was suggesting ought to be done. I guess I am
- 21 not sure you would have agreed with it or not, but it would
- 22 have the Commission doing rather more than the answer to No. 1
- 23 here suggested, at least in those cases where the recipient
- 24 country agreed.
- 25 COMMISSIONER GILINSKY: You know, this question

- 1 deals with the responsibilities of the United States and not 2 the NRC.
- 3 COMMISSIONER BRADFORD: But the answer deals with
- 4 the responsibility of the NRC.
- 5 COMMISSIONER GILINSKY: I know.
- 6 CHAIRMAN AHEARNE: I think that is a fairly good
- 7 distinction to make, and I would hope that we would not
- 8 presume to state the role of the Federal Government. Indeed, I
- 9 suspect in many of our previous opinions we have asserted that
- 10 it would be improper for us to do that since that presents
- 11 some sort of conflict of interest. We don't wish to be
- 12 directly associated with the views and opinions of other
- 13 agencies of government. I think we have asserted that as a
- 14 basic principle.
- We probably ought to clarify as a lead in that
- 16 although the question addresses the role and responsibility of
- 17 the United States that we confine our view to the
- 18 responsibilities of other agencies of the NRC.
- 19 COMMISSIONER BRADFORD: No one else is testifying?
- 20 CHAIRMAN AHEARNE: Ed, is anyboby else?
- MR. FAY: Nobody is scheduled right now but NRC.
- 22 CHAIRMAN AHEARNE: Just us.
- 23 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Well, I think if the
- 24 committee is interested in the responsibilities of the United
- 25 States I supppose they should talk to the Attorney General or

- 1 the Secretary of State or the President.
- MR. BICKWIT: They have talked to them.
- 3 CHAIRMAN AHEARNE: But we ought to, since we are
- 4 going to be submitting these answers for the record, we ought
- 5 to at least make it clear.
- 6 Now, will the detailed views be set forth in the
- 7 opinion?
- 8 MR. BICKWIT: In the opinions.
- 9 (Laughter)
- 10 MR. BICKWIT: In recently issued Commissioner
- 11 opinions in the Philippine licensing.
- 12 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: This whole thing may turn out
- 13 to be the greatest single advertisement in support of those
- 14 who have felt that a single administrator was the only way to
- 15 run this place.
- 16 CHAIRMAN AHEARNE: It is too late.
- 17 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Not yet it isn't too late.
- 18 (Laughter)
- 19 COMMISSIONER HENDRIE: Is that why you want to delay
- 20 it a day and get past tomorrow's hearing? Clever move.
- 21 (Laughter)
- 22 COMMISSIONER BRADFORD: At the time that I made that
- 23 request I was lacking two of the opinions that I now have in
- 24 hand and I didn't see how I could complete my own.
- 25 CHAIRMAN AHEARNE: Can we get back to the answer to

- 1 question one.
- Dick, Peter has suggested that it doesn't track with your opinion.
- COMMISSIONER GILINSKY: I tell you, I don't think we can sit here and rewrite these things one by one. I mean, the opinion is there and it is pretty easy for someone to take it and see whether it tracks or doesn't track. I am not sure I know what we can do at this point. This tends to dismiss any sort of involvement to a greater degree than I would have dismissed it. Basically I say we are not compelled to look at these things if it turns out to be difficult to do and it doesn't seem like a reasonable thing for us to get involved in. But I didn't exclude all involvement for all time. Well, I think the opinion is there.
- 15 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Dick, the one thing I had
 16 noticed about opinions from this agency during the past five
 17 years is that almost nothing that is written, however
 18 believable it may seem at the time, lasts more than about six
 19 months before it is rewritten and a new view is proposed
 20 because a different majority somehow is constituted, and
 21 whatever the fundamental issue of principle it is restated and
 22 perhaps substantually modified. So I wouldn't worry about
 23 anything about for all time; I mean all time not exceeding
 24 more than six months.
- 25 CHAIRMAN AHEARN: I guess, Len, what you will have

- 1 to do is to take the latest version of the opinions and
- 2 characterize the distribution of views, because since we have
- 3 had the request since August 9th I suppose it is kind of hard
- 4 for us to say we didn't have time to answer them.
- MR. BICKWIT: Well, are you saying characterize the
- 6 views of all the Commissioners?
- 7 CHAIRMAN AHEARNE: Well, no, if you can coalesce a
- 8 majority view then you have got to describe it.
- 9 MR. BICKWIT: Yes. All right, fine.
- 10 CHAIRMAN AHEARNE: We are obligated to provide
- 11 answers to these, and if you can't then I think what you have
- 12 just got to say is that the Commission has reached an opinion
- 13 upon the Philippines case, the attached are the opinions in
- 14 that case and the Commission's views can be extracted from
- 15 that.
- On No. 2 we say that we did not participate. Did IP
- 17 not participate at all in the development of the Executive
- 18 Branch procedures?
- 19 MR. SHEA: The staff did have some involvement, IP
- 20 and ELD both, in the draft package. We had some words worked
- 21 up at one point there to reflect that or something like, well,
- 22 NRC staff members contributed to some extent to the drafting
- 23 of these procedures, these unfair characterizations.
- 24 To pick up as here, "The Commission itself did not formally
- 25 participate. . . " I could give these to Len.

- 1 COMMISSIONER BRADFORD: It is probably better to say
- 2 that.
- 3 CHAIRMAN AHEARNE: Yes. Now, is our guidance going
- 4 to say that these impacts are thoroughly analyzed? Those of
- 5 you who are the global comments people, are we going to end
- 6 up saying that we will ensure that the impacts are thoroughly
- 7 analyzed in the Executive Branch assessment?
- 8 MR. BICKWIT: This is guidance to the staff?
- 9 CHAIRMAN AHEARNE: That is right.
- 10 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Where is this guidance to the
- 11 staff?
- MR. BICKWIT: Our office and OPE have suggested
- 13 something?
- 14 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: And the Commission has acted
- 15 upon that?
- 16 MR. BICKWIT: No, it has not.
- 17 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Then how does it get in here?
- 18 MR. BICKWIT: It is in the process of providing
- 19 that.
- 20 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: If the Commission sees fit to
- 21 do so that guidance might is what you mean?
- 22 COMMISSIONER BRADFORD: Is it before us in the form
- 23 of an executive paper or something?
- MR. BICKWIT: That is right. This is also before
- 25 you for your assent or disapproval.

- 1 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: I think you could drop that
- 2 paragraph without losing a thing. We just have three votes
- 3 for that.
- 4 CHAIRMAN AHEARNE: Let's see, you, Vic and who is
- 5 the third?
- 6 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Joe.
- 7 CHAIRMAN AHEARNE: Joe.
- 8 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Drop that paragraph.
- 9 MS. HARDING: How about leaving the first sentence.
- 10 Are you in the process of providing guidance.
- 11 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: We are always in the process
- 12 of providing guidance. We just never complete the process is
- 13 our problem.
- 14 COMMISSIONER HENDRIE: Why don't we say then as
- 15 always we are in the process of providing guidance.
- 16 (Laughter)
- 17 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Semicolon, we almost never do
- 18 it.
- 19 CHAIRMAN AHEARNE: Would you be willing to make the
- 20 sweeping commitment that we are in the process of developing
- 21 guidance?
- 22 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: What does that add?
- 23 CHAIRMAN AHEARNE: Because it says what role will
- 24 the Commission play. That was the last question.
- 25 COMMISSIONER BRADFORD: Vic, how can you delete the

- 1 last sentence. It is just what you are comparing ---
- 2 COMMISSIONER GILINSKY: What does it say?
- 3 COMMISSIONER BRADFORD: "Provided resources are
- 4 available the Commission must provide assistance to the
- 5 Executive Branch on assessing other impacts and are requested
- 6 to do so."
- 7 MR. GILINSKY: I am sure everybody says that.
- 8 MR. DENVINE: I might note we have let the Korean
- 9 case now go by in terms of knowing what we are supposed to do
- 10 by way of interaction with the Executive Branch. We will
- 11 shortly be getting the Taiwan application. So there may be
- 12 sort of a backlog of these things before we know it.
- 13 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Well, that is all right. We
- 14 can add it up with the licenses that are being held up, too.
- 15 CHAIRMAN AHEARNE: All right. Does anyone want to
- 16 commit to developing guidance to the staff?
- 17 COMMISSIONER BRADFORD: It is fine with me.
- 18 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: I would rather give it to
- 19 them instead of making commitments.
- 20 COMMISSIONER HENDRIE: I don't mind saying we are in
- 21 the process of providing guidance.
- 22 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: We are in the process of
- 23 formulating guidance.
- 24 COMMISSIONER HENDRIE: Formulating guidance is fine
- 25 with me, too.

1 CHAIRMAN AHEARNE: All right, let us keep that

- 2 sentence in.
- 3 COMMISSIONER HENDRIE: I think Peter is right. I
- 4 think the last sentence indeed reflects ---
- 5 CHAIRMAN AHEARNE: Do you want the last sentence in?
- 6 COMMISSIONER BRADFORD: I would leave the last
- 7 sentence in.
- 8 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: I don't have any objection to
- g that.
- 10 CHAIRMAN AHEARNE: Okay, the last sentence also.
- MR. BICKWIT: Keep the last sentence and?
- 12 CHAIRMAN AHEARNE: Keep the last sentence and the
- 13 first sentence, except formulating guidance.
- 14 MR. BICKWIT: Okay.
- 15 CHAIRMAN AHEARNE: Moving on to question three.
- 16 Will someone be there tomorrow, or Wednesday rather, if
- 17 questions are asked on the details of these kinds of things,
- 18 the details of the expert advice we have provided in the sense
- 19 that we say that we have provided experts for short-term
- 20 advisory visits? Will anyone be around to be knowledgeable on
- 21 that?

- MR. SHEA: Yes, we will have somebody there for the
- 23 hearing, right.
- 24 There is also on that first "Implementation of
- 25 Alternative One" a point that we thought would be useful to

- 1 make. Maybe I will just pass out copies of the suggested
- 2 additional sentence that we have here and that of some of
- 3 these others. I will read it as we are passing those out.
- 4 There are some other changes to some of the other questions,
- 5 too.
- 6 This would go in as a new second sentence, to put it
- 7 in perspective. We say, "While budgetary constraints,
- 8 especially since the accident at TMI, have not permitted a
- 9 general increase in assistance efforts, NRC has shifted the
- 10 emphasis within the program to three or four types of training
- 11 and advisory services which appear most effective in
- 12 transferring NRC expertise to the regulatory organizations of
- 13 developing countries."
- 14 That is really all we have been able to do is to
- 15 improve the prioritization.
- 16 CHAIRMAN AHEARNE: Fine. Any other problems on that
- 17 first page there?
- 18 (No response)
- 19 CHAIRMAN AHEARNE: Okay, the second page.
- 20 Vic, you mentioned your opinion. I am now down at
- 21 the "Implementation of Alternative 7." You mentioned in your
- 22 opinion something about the Ex-Im Bank has now committed or
- 23 promised to do something.
- 24 COMMISSIONER GILINSKY: Your general counsel told me
- 25 they were going to send you the word. I guess you haven't

- 1 gotten it.
- 2 CHAIRMAN AHEARNE: No.
- 3 COMMISSIONER GILINSKY: That was a long time ago.
- 4 (Laughter)
- 5 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: That suggests that the
- 6 directors of the Bank may have different views than general
- 7 counsel.
- 8 (Laughter)
- 9 COMMISSIONER HENDRIE: Some time ago didn't the Bank
- 10 say that it was going to ask NRC's advice on a loan?
- 11 COMMISSIONER GILINSKY: I thought so, yes.
- 12 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: John Moore said so.
- 13 COMMISSIONER HENDRIE: Going back more than a year.
- 14 COMMISSIONER GILINSKY: He was the Chairman, wasn't
- 15 he, or is the Chairman?
- 16 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Was he Chairman then?
- 17 CHAIRMAN AHEARNE: Well, you say that you are
- 18 informed that the Ex-Im Bank will routinely seek such
- 19 information in the loan review process. That is what I
- 20 gather general counsel said you told him.
- 21 COMMISSIONER GILINSKY: Maybe I ought to modify
- 22 that.
- 23 CHAIRMAN AHEARNE: Well, unless a letter is going to
- 24 get here very shortly. (Laughter)
- MR. LAFLEUR: Well, we have a standing offer with

- 1 the State Department and the other agencies.
- 2 CHAIRMAN AHEARNE: Yes, I know that. You see, if
- 3 that is the case, though, our answer to No. 7 is wrong,
- 4 because we say "No other U. S. agency has requested NRC
- 5 assistance."
- 6 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: I would suggest that you
- 7 ought not to go around calling up Joe Blow and saying "Say, is
- 8 the Ex-Im Bank prepared to do this?", because I have a feeling
- 9 that the directors of the Bank will finally decide that and
- 10 not Joe Doakes, no matter who the hell he is.
- 11 So if we really want to make a statement of this
- 12 kind, which is a statement before the United States Government
- 13 and its Congress, then we goddamn well ought to have something
- 14 positive that is true from the Bank. We cannot commit
- 15 somebody else to do something unless they commit themselves to
- 16 do it. It is a simply proposition.
- 17 CHAIRMAN AHEARNE: No, Dick, I wasn't suggesting we
- 18 base this upon a telephone call.
- 19 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: I hope not.
- 20 CHAIRMAN AHEARNE: The point is that to date no
- 21 other U. S. agency has requested it, and if we are getting a
- 22 letter by Wednesday then we ought to know.
- 23 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: It says, "but to date no
- 24 other U. S. agency has."
- 25 CHAIRMAN AHEARNE: I know, but the "to date" would

- 1 be Wednesday.
- 2 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: All right. If we haven't got
- 3 the letter by the time this damn thing is presented, that is a
- 4 fact. And I submit facts ought to be the hallmark of this
- 5 agency.
- 6 CHAIRMAN AHEARNE: Right.
- 7 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Not that it hasn't ever been,
- 8 but it would be a good time to start.
- 9 COMMISSIONER BRADFORD: Another good point.
- 10 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: There will be a lot more to
- 11 come, and you will hear them.
- 12 COMMISSIONER BRADFORD: I am going to be right
- 13 behind you.
- 14 CHAIRMAN AHEARNE: On page 3 I thought we had
- 15 provided a lot more TMI information than was clear from this
- 16 statement. I seem to remember, Joe, that you worked with a
- 17 lot of people providing them information on TMI.
- MR. LAFLEUR: Yes, quite a few came over. We were
- 19 summarizing. We provided a heck of a lot of stuff.
- 20 COMMISSIONER GILINSKY: I will tell you what I
- 21 object to here. It presents a rather, without specifically
- 22 making an assessment, a rather rosier picture of the safety
- 23 situation in all these countries than I think is really the
- 24 case. It is one thing to say that, well, there really isn't
- 25 an awful lot more that we can do as a practical matter, but it

- 1 is another thing to say we have got all these things going
- 2 with the IAEA and it is all really kind of being taken care of
- 3 and it really isn't.
- 4 Now, I can't point to anything specific here, but
- 5 there is no hint of any problems in this discussion of the
- 6 IAEA, and you would think they had some kind of fantastic
- 7 safety problem and everybody was getting ---
- 8 COMMISSIONER BRADFORD: Is that question 4?
- 9 COMMISSIONER HENDRIE: I think you are on the wrong 10 question.
- 11 COMMISSIONER GILINSKY: Well, I am on the wrong
- 12 question.
- 13 CHAIRMAN AHEARNE: Yes, you are. We are still on 14 question three.
- 15 Did we finish question three?
- 16 COMMISSIONER GILINSKY: Well, I was thinking of three also.
- 18 COMMISSIONER HENDRIE: Three just says what are we 19 going to do about alternatives 1, 2 4 and 7, et cetera, and we 20 have said that.
- 21 CHAIRMAN AHEARNE: Can you at least put in something 22 more about what you did on the response?
- MR. SHEA: We could elaborate. We just mentioned the visitors, but we could elaborate some more on that. The last sentence was really just for example. We will put in

- 1 more specifics, perhaps a number of countries and visitors who
- 2 came and meetings we held.
- 3 CHAIRMAN AHEARNE: One other question, Jim. When we
- 4 said we announced a special \$54,000 contribution, was that a
- 5 person?
- 6 MR. LAFLEUR: No, that was an earmarking of part of
- 7 the U. S. voluntary funds for fiscal '79.
- 8 CHAIRMAN AHEARNE: That was not a person?
- 9 MR. LAFLEUR: No.
- 10 CHAIRMAN AHEARNE: Any other questions on question
- 11 three?
- (No response)
- 13 CHAIRMAN AHEARNE: Okay, No. 4. Now, Vic, your
- 14 point. You would modify that to indicate less than that rosey
- 15 picture?
- 16 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: I didn't get the impression
- 17 that it was making any sort of value judgment. It was just
- 18 stating a series of facts. Now, if the facts seem somehow to
- 19 add up to some sort of rosey judgment, then maybe you ought to
- 20 be a footnote, all the foregoing notwithstanding, or whatever
- 21 you want to say here.
- 22 COMMISSIONER GILINSKY: Well, I suppose the question
- 23 doesn't really ask for an assessment. Let's see, it says,
- 24 "the responsibilities and capabilities of IAEA in dealing with
- 25 international nuclear health and safety issues." When you are

- 1 talking about capabilities, I don't know what their
- 2 responsibilities are.
- 3 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: It says what they are under
- 4 the statute.
- 5 COMMISSIONER GILINSKY: Establish standards; have
- 6 they really established standards? They really haven't, have
- 7 they? Are you talking about recent efforts?
- 8 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: As a matter of fact, this
- 9 agency has chaired a number of the groups which have developed to them.
- 11 COMMISSIONER GILINSKY: But these are very general
- 12 sort of umbrella documents, are they?
- 13 COMMISSIONER HENDRIE: The codes of practice in
- 14 total are better than our Appendix A, and the safety guides,
- 15 there are a few that aren't up to our reg guides, but in the
- 16 areas that they cover, siting particularly being one, they are
- 17 better than anything we have on the street.
- 18 COMMISSIONER GILINSKY: Well, how much of our
- 19 area of responsibility will they cover in percentage terms?
- 20 COMMISSIONER HENDRIE: A hundred.
- 21 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Well, they don't cover our
- 22 export responsibilities, fortunately.
- 23 COMMISSIONER GILINSKY: Well, why don't we just
- 24 adopt them?
- 25 COMMISSIONER HENDRIE: Because they cover regulatory

- 1 organizations, they cover siting, design, operation and right
- 2 on through on the reactor site. It is the power plant,
- 3 reactors.
- 4 COMMISSIONER GILINSKY: Well, let me ask it this
- 5 way. In terms of pages -- (Laughter) -- how does the number
- 6 of their pages compare with the number of our pages?
- 7 (Laughter)
- 8 CHAIRMAN AHEARNE: Dick, I think you lost.
- 9 (Laughter)
- MR. LAFLEUR: Each of the five codes of practice is
- 11 about that thick, and each of the guides is roughly comparable
- 12 to one of theirs.
- 13 COMMISSIONER GILINSKY: So you regard them as
- 14 comparable to our set of regulations.
- MR. LAFLEUR: We have got the five guides and at
- 16 least the first draft all approved.
- 17 COMMISSIONER HENDRIE: The codes of practice are
- 18 better than part 50, part 100 and particularly the appendices
- 19 to part 50, taken all together.
- 20 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: They are more specific,
- 21 aren't they, Joe?
- MR. LAFLEUR: Yes.
- 23 COMMISSIONER BRADFORD: By better than you mean more
- 24 clearly written?
- 25 COMMISSIONER HENDRIE: I think they cover the ground

- 1 in a more orderly fashion, cover it in more detail and in a
- 2 more rationale way. They have the same level of generality as
- 3 regulations do, but I just think deal with the thing in a
- 4 better structure. It wouldn't be surprising coming along
- 5 years later in an organized fashion. The safety guides which
- 6 implement the codes in more detail are then comparable to our
- 7 regulatory guides. As I say, why the best of those are really
- 8 top flight.
- 9 MR. LAFLEUR: They incorporated the experience and
- 10 the convention of the other countries, too, as they have to
- 11 live in various industrial arrangements.
- 12 COMMISSIONER HENDRIE: Well, the sheer volume of the
- 13 agency safety guides doesn't match the sheer volume of the
- 14 NRC's regulatory guides in all divisions, plus the standard
- 15 eview plan and so on.
- 16 COMMISIONER GILINSKY: And what is the status of
- 17 these things now?
- 18 COMMISSIONER HENDRIE: The codes are published, as
- 19 far as I know.
- 20 MR. SHEA: Have they been approved by whoever it is
- 21 that has to approve them, the Board of Governors?
- 22 COMMISSIONER HENDRIE: The Board of Governors has
- 23 stamped them A-okay and put them on the street. The safety
- 24 guides are rolling along. I don't know how many.
- MR. SHEA: There are about 20 around and five codes.

- 1 It is in here in the middle of the first page.
- 2 COMMISSIONER BRADFORD: Are any countries obligated
- 3 to use any part of them, or are they just available?
- 4 COMMISSIONER HENDRIE: If you are a country that
- 5 goes to the IAEA and gets your reactor through them ---
- 6 COMMISSIONER BRADFORD: That is the trilateral
- 7 reference.
- 8 COMMISSIONER HENDRIE: --- then one of the conditions
- 9 of their taking you on and helping you out is you conform to
- 10 their documents, not only the codes of practice and safety
- 11 guides that are recent but also earlier guidance documents in
- 12 safety, environmental health and radiation health fields. Now,
- 13 if you are not one of those, then they have no power.
- MR. LAFLEUR: Except when they assist you then they
- 15 use the guides. When they go to assist you like with an
- 16 infection or a survey then they use the guides.
- 17 COMMISSIONER HENDRIE: Well, if you invite them in
- 18 to help you with a safety problem, why obviously they will
- 19 come then with that documentary background as a basis for the
- 20 things they do. If you are not buying the reactor through the
- 21 agency ---
- MR. LAFLEUR: --- you are not obligated.
- 23 COMMISSIONER GILINSKY: What is the distinction
- 24 between -- it say, "widely developed accepted standards for
- 25 packaging and transportation of radicactive materials." Then

- 1 they go on to say that they have also published these codes of
- 2 practice. Do they have some different status?
- 3 MS. BECKER: Transportation is longstanding, and
- 4 most industrialized countries conform pretty much to the IAEA.
- 5 COMMISSIONER GILINSKY: And what is the difference
- 6 there? You mean these have just gone on the street; is that
- 7 the idea?
- 8 MS. BECKER: Under the NSSS program they are much
- 9 more recently developed.
- 10 MR. LAFLEUR: They are all water cooler reactors.
- 11 It involves transportation in an old existing area.
- 12 COMMISSIONER HENDRIE: The codes of practice and the
- 13 safety guides that I have been talking about are aimed at
- 14 power reactions. Now, if you go away from that and want to
- 15 talk about how to do an environmental assessment or how to
- 16 ship radioactive materials, or whatever, or set up a research
- 17 lab you will find other IAEA documents, some of which, as
- 18 John says, have been out, you know, for many, many and have
- 19 been world standards for a decade and a half.
- 20 COMMISSIONER GILINGKY: What do we say about their
- 21 capabilities?
- 22 COMMISSIONER HENDRIE: We don't say too much. There
- 23 is not too much to be said.
- 24 MR. SHEA: There is not too much. As the staff
- 25 answered us, we concentrated on a description of what they are

- 1 doing and didn't really address part of the question which is
- 2 what should be the responsibilities and capabilities.
- 3 COMMISSIONER GILINSKY: Well, it says what are and
- 4 what should be.
- 5 MR. SHEA: And we didn't really address the should
- 6 be.
- 7 COMMISSIONER GILINSKY: Well, why don't we say what
- 8 they are? Why don't we say the IAEA has "X" persons doing
- 9 this and they "Y" meetings a year and do the following?
- 10 CHAIRMAN AHEARNE: Do you have that, Jim?
- 11 MR. LAFLEUR: We could summarize it again.
- 12 CHAIRMAN AHEARNE: Do you have that kind of
- 13 information and can you provide it?
- MR. SHEA: We could put it together.
- 15 CHAIRMAN AHEARNE: Okay, why don't you do that.
- Let me ask you. You do have a question on Rosen's
- 17 point, and you say that you understand he helped define the
- 18 supplement program and agrees with its contents. On what do
- 19 you base that understanding?
- 20 . MR. SHEA: Well, that is what he preaches. I didn't
- 21 check that statement with him. We have talked to him about
- 22 it. He laid out the program, it was approved and he is the
- 23 director of it, the coordinator of the whole agency.
- 24 CHAIRMAN AHEARNE: I guess I am little uneasy with
- 25 saying that someone agrees with the contents unless you have

- 1 something to support that.
- MR. SHEA: We could check that point specifically.
- 3 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Why can't you just drop the
- 4 last part of the sentence off? In fact, he did help define
- 5 them. That is a fact. Drop the rest of it off.
- 6 MR. SHEA: That will help develop it. That is
- 7 clear. The only point that he had raised in that meeting was
- 8 that he suggested IAEA obligations to provide programs on a
- 9 scheduled periodic and mandatory basis. That was the only
- 10 point with reference to the IAEA. He had a lot of suggestions
- 11 for the exporters and importers. So we just picked up on that
- 12 point here to answer the question.
- 13 CHAIRMAN AHEARNE: Does anybody else have any ---
- 14 COMMISSIONER GILINSKY: On that first part of it,
- 15 the capabilities, I think he ought to give a staff number and
- 16 a budget number.
- 17 CHAIRMAN AHEARNE: Any other comments on that
- 18 question?
- 19 COMMISSIONER GILINSKY: You mean question four?
- 20 CHAIRMAN AHEARNE: Yes.
- 21 COMMISSIONER GILINSKY: On the last part you talked
- 22 about IAEA safety reviews. Now, these are pretty light sort
- 23 of reviews by our standards, and one wouldn't know that from
- 24 reading this unless he knew a lot about the subject. I think
- 25 you ought to make that clear that you are talking about

- 1 several experts coming together for a few weeks, or something 2 like that.
- 3 MR. SHEA: A kind of NRC review.
- 4 COMMISSIONER GILINKSY: That is right. Make very
- 5 clear that these are not the same kinds of reviews that we 6 talked about here.
- 7 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: But it should be also, if you
- 8 are going to do that and make that point, then you should make
- 9 the note that the IAEA review is, of course, a supplement to
- 10 the review which is being done by the country in question.
- 11 COMMISSIONER GILINSKY: Well, it is done in part
- 12 also to encourage a review in the country, but not in all
- 13 cases does that actually happen.
- 14 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: It is not a substitute for.
- 15 COMMISSIONER GILINSKY: That is right. In fact, we
- 16 ought to say it exactly that way.
- 17 CHAIRMAN AHEARNE: All right, anything else on that
- 18 question?
- (No response)
- 20 CHAIRMAN AHEARNE: Question five. You have a number
- 21 of changes, Jim, which you have proposed.
- MR. SHEA: Yes, the same point as in the first
- 23 question about shifting the emphasis in the program.
- 24 CHAIRMAN AHEARNE: You say Spain, through the IAEA,
- 25 has also requested an NRC technical expert beginning in June

- 1 1980." Has that request been relayed to us?
- 2 MR. SHEA: The Spanish request for assistance, it
- 3 came through I think just in the weekly. Did we write up an
- 4 article on the Spanish safety ---
- 5 MR. LAFLEUR: Yes. They want a man to teach their
- 6 first crew that is going to start the big PWR, working on
- 7 PWS's, how to start-up test the reactor. He will train six or
- 8 eight of their people ---
- 9 COMMISSIONER HENDRIE: Regulatory types.
- MR. LAFLEUR: --- regulatory government people. And
- 11 then after that they can do it. That is the first of the
- 12 series of U. S. reactors.
- MR. SHEA: And that will be reviewed by the
- 14 Commission in accordance with your current policy. The
- 15 selection committee has just been appointed and is reviewing
- 16 candidates right now. We put a little item in the weekly, I
- 17 think.
- 18 CHAIRMAN AHEARNE: Is that a one-year ---
- 19 MR. LAFLEUR: Well, they asked for six to nine
- 20 months. We elected six months to one year. The Spanish
- 21 Government will reimburse the agency for it, and it is going
- 22 to take one of our best people out of the field so you are
- 23 liable to hear about it again.
- 24 CHAIRMAN AHEARNE: I notice you have struck the
- 25 seven members of the Mexican regulatory agency. Is that

- 1 because you didn't think it should be mentioned, or they
- 2 didn't?
- 3 MR. SHEA: That was probably my suggestion since he
- 4 had asked for who we currently have there as the question was
- 5 put. I think that might have been put in the other draft.
- 6 Instead we put in the grand total of the number of people and
- 7 number of countries rather than single them out:
- 8 CHAIRMAN AHEARNE: Fine.
- 9 COMMISSIONER HENDRIE: It is better not to put the
- 10 individual numbers in if you can avoid it because then the
- 11 other fellows run in and say how come you have got seven of
- 12 theirs and you would only take two of ours, or whatever.
- MR. KENT: On this question five in talking to the
- 14 staff here, one of the things that they are particularly
- 15 interested in in the context of our '81 authorization request
- 16 is what resources we are requesting for this area, and I don't
- 17 think that is spelled out very well in this answer. And also
- 18 the answer suggested that -- well, we say "we have not been
- 19 able to expand this level of effort as we had once planned."
- 20 They were also interested in what things could or should be
- 21 done that may not be done within the formal budget request.
- 22 CHAIRMAN AHEARNE: Well, of course one of the
- 23 reasons why it might not be well spelled out in the answer in
- 24 the FY '81 budget is it wasn't asked in the question.
- MR. KENT: I wasn't asked in the question, but it

- 1 was added in the memo that we sent around. These questions
- 2 were drafted last summer.
- 3 CHAIRMAN AHEARNE: I know.
- 4 MR. KENT: In reiterating the questions they
- 5 specifically asked that we talk about the '81 request as well.
- 6 CHAIRMAN AHEARNE: What is in the '81 request?
- 7 MR. SHEA: I don't think we have anything
- 8 specifically. I don't think that has ever been a line item,
- 9 has it, for international efforts?
- 10 MR. LAFLEUR: We have always sort of been told to
- 11 get along with whatever is available and that is all we ever
- 12 get. I think the NSSS which has about four or five man-years
- 13 still in standards does budget in that area.
- 14 CHAIRMAN AHEARNE: Which are they interested in, the
- 15 man-year effort, or do we have specific individuals identified
- 16 or slots to be assigned overseas?
- MR. KENT: Well, I think they will be interested in
- 18 the man-year effort and the dollars that might be needed.
- 19 This answer suggests that we consider more resources for this
- 20 and for other reasons they will not add it. It says "we have
- 21 not been able to expand this level of effort as we had once
- 22 planned." And I think they would be interested in knowing
- 23 what has been planned.
- 24 MR. SHEA: Well, that is referring back to the
- 25 earlier question three alternatives 1, 2, 4 and 7, pre-TMI.

- 1 COMMISSIONER HENDRIE: And the answer is they got
- 2 chewed up just like a lot of other people's resources.
- 3 MR. KENT: That is one of the things. They will be
- 4 looking at this in the context of our '81 request. This
- 5 committee looks at this portion of our budget and if there are
- 6 less resources than we think we can use they may want to add
- 7 those on. So they will want to know what we think those might
- 8 be.
- 9 COMMISSIONER HENDRIE: Why don't you suggest that
- 10 they put in their annual four positions and what, \$175,000?
- 11 MR. KENT: We will probably get it.
- 12 MR. SHEA: The last paragraph of the testimony was
- 13 also worked up in part with this reference in there. So that
- 14 helps in that regard. I think that was put in specifically
- 15 because of the recent Congressional request.
- 16 MR. LAFLEUR: Its on page 3. We thought this was
- 17 the will of the Commission that we not put in money especially
- 18 for it or the people especially for this NRA in the budget.
- 19 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Those have been the
- 20 instructions, haven't they?
- 21 MR. LAFLEUR: Page 6.
- 22 COMMISSIONER HENDRIE: Page six of the testimony,
- 23 the last paragraph. Well, you know, they just got through
- 24 lopping five percent across the line for which we are going to
- 25 bleed all over.

- 1 MR. KENT: Well, if you don't put that
- 2 in specifically, you are going to get asked that.
- 3 COMMISSIONER HENDRIE: I would be glad to discuss it
- 4 in length.
- 5 CHAIRMAN AHEARNE: Ed, would you check with Barry to
- 6 see what kind of breakout we do have in the budget as far as
- 7 what are the man-years across the agency that were assigned to
- 8 the international assistance effort which would then pick up
- 9 some of the standards in time. We ought to at least have that
- 10 available.
- 11 Anything else on question five?
- (No response)
- 13 CHAIRMAN AHEARNE: Question six.
- 14 Len, I guess you will modify the question
- 15 appropriately as of the time we go up to testify; is that
- 16 correct?
- MR. BICKWIT: Which is at what time?
- 18 CHAIRMAN AHEARNE: Wednesday at 2 o'clock.
- 19 MR. DEVINE: Didn't we answer questions posed by the
- 20 Commission? I think I am right. I remember us providing the
- 21 answers to certain questions.
- MR. SHEA: That could be read as assistance, yes. I
- 23 guess people were thinking of expert assistance.
- 24 CHAIRMAN AHEARNE: Any other points on the
- 25 Phillipines testimony?

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MR. ROTHSCHILD: One last point. When I talked to
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2 the committee staff last week before drafting some of this
3 they said expect a series of questions focusing on Three Mile
4 Island and what its implications are as far what this
5 Commission intends to do in the future as far as health and
6 safety assistance, and should we be doing more, and that could
7 very well be the focus of questions. So beware.
            COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: My answer to the question is
9 yes.
            CHAIRMAN AHEARNE: Qualified by resources?
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            COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Yes.
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            CHAIRMAN AHEARNE: Any other items on the
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13 Philippines?
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           All right, that ends the Philippines section of the
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16 meeting.
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- 1 CHAIRMAN AHEARNE: I asked us to get together
- 2 because at least I will be going up and maybe some of us will
- 3 be going up to the Congress tomorrow morning to testify. In
- 4 any event, we do have apparently a new version that is going
- 5 up to the Hill this afternoon. Len could at least summarize
- 6 since he has had a chance to look at it.
- 7 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: The language was good and the
- 8 signature impressed me.
- 9 CHAIRMAN AHFARNE: Anyone want to have Len draft a
- 10 Commission position on this?
- 11 MR. FAY: All the statements were given by the
- 12 individual Commissioners on the Senate side with the
- 13 appropriate changes in the committee references. Now, they
- 14 have that. They have had that right from day one. We
- 15 provided our comments to Mr. Brooks on the resolution. They
- 16 also have additional copies right now.
- I spoke with the committee and they are in the
- 18 process right now of redistributing the amended reorganization
- 19 plan. I told them I didn't know if there would be any kind of
- 20 formal language provided. But at any rate they had the old
- 21 reorganization planning language to work from.
- 22 COMMISSIONER HENDRIE: However, my statement, for
- 23 instance, on the Senate side has not been retitled Statement
- 24 to the House Government Operations Committee and sent up
- 25 there, right?

- MR. FAY: Yes, sir, it has.
- 2 COMMISSIONER HENDRIE: It has?
- 3 MR. FAY: It has.
- 4 COMMISSIONER HENDRIE: Then withdraw it, because it
- 5 is not my statement to the House Government Operations
- 6 Committee. Okay?
- 7 MR. FAY: Okay.
- 8 COMMISSIONER HENDRIE: Get word down there
- g immediately.
- 10 MR. BICKWIT: When were these sent up?
- 11 MR. FAY: It is not based on the amended statement?
- 12 COMMISSIONER HENDRIE: That statement I made before
- 13 the Senate was obviously based on reorganization plan No. 1
- 14 as originally submitted.
- MR. FAY: Okay. Well, the committee fully
- 16 understands that. Mr. Brooks also gave us the resolution and
- 17 asked for comments.
- 18 COMMISSIONER HENDRIE: But I don't want that
- 19 statement of mine labeled Statement of J. M. Hendrie to the
- 20 House Government Operations Committee because this is J. M.
- 21 Hendrie's statement to the House Government Operations
- 22 Committee and it is rather different.
- 23 MR. FAY: That is fine. But we were delivering on
- 24 the basis of what we had in hand.
- 25 CHAIRMAN AHEARNE: Well, anyway, Joe has made it

- 1 clear this is his statement.
- 2 Does anybody want to hear Len at least describe what
- 3 he sees this amendment to mean?
- 4 (Laughter)
- 5 COMMISSIONER BRADFORD: Let me put the question a
- 6 little differently, John. Is there anything that isn't
- 7 obvious? That is, I think we have all read it with an eye
- 8 towards third changes.
- 9 COMMISSIONER HENDRIE: Not that I know of. I have
- 10 been talking to Welford and Susan Connor over there about it
- 11 and about the changes they made since last week which helped
- 12 very considerably. So far as I know there isn't any sort of
- 13 foggy part that has peculiar things in the month. On the
- 14 other hand, if they intended to have a foggy part with things
- 15 hidden down in it, I am not sure they have explained that.
- 16 CHAIRMAN AHEARNE: Well, let's ask Len again the
- 17 question. Len or Bill, did you see anything in there that you
- 18 believe is a subtlety that is hidden?
- 19 MR. REAMER: I would say not.
- 20 COMMISSIONER HENDRIE: Last week's version had some
- 21 head scratchers and then some minor outrages, but I think
- 22 those have been cured.
- 23 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: One has some difficulty in
- 24 keeping track of them since none of them are dated. It is a
- 25 peculiarity of the system, because once one does that, you

- 1 know, it is perfectly clear that it is equally possible to
- 2 slip one in instead of the other since they all look alike.
- 3 COMMISSIONER HENDRIE: I raised the question with
- 4 Susan Connor and apparently there was argument both ways. I
- 5 didn't pursue it in detail. This could very well have been a
- 6 thrust from the Senate side, because aside from the changing
- 7 here which simply cleaned up the more difficult parts of the
- 8 earlier plan, all of this EOD explicit role as felt is
- 9 compelled on them by the Senate views. I wouldn't be
- 10 surprised but what the Senate tribe either agreed to or
- 11 themselves took out EOD.
- 12 I think it is a pity, but at this stage it is
- 13 certainly not for me enough of a difficulty.
- 14 COMMISSIONER GILINSKY: We could recombine with the
- 15 General Counsel's office.
- 16 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Why did they do this?
- 17 COMMISSIONER HENDRIE: It is just not clear. What
- 18 Susan Connor said was that there had been arguments there, you
- 19 know, and made to them from elsewhere both in favor of putting
- 20 EOD on the list and in favor of taking it off.
- 21 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: There are more people in this
- 22 town with nothing to do than I had ever imagined.
- 23 COMMISSIONER BRADFORD: More and more people to pay
- 24 them.
- 25 (Laughter)

- 1 CHAIRMAN AHEARNE: Does anybody have anything
- 2 substantive they want to talk about?
- 3 COMMISSIONER BRADFORD: I think probably the
- 4 impulse behind this meeting may have been useful, and that is
- 5 in fact whether there is to be a Commission statement for the
- 6 hearing.
- 7 CHAIRMAN AHEARNE: Well, one point, which is the
- 8 point that Joe really has raised, right now we have in front
- 9 of them, I gather, retitled, we have a Commission position
- 10 going to the Senate. We have as it stands a Commission
- 11 position now going to the House which is the group of the four
- 12 of your positions.
- 13 COMMISSIONER HENDRIE: But that is no longer the
- 14 case.
- 15 COMMISSIONER BRADFORD: I think it was titled the
- 16 three of us.
- 17 COMMISSIONER AHEARNE: So I think one issue that you
- 18 have to decide is do the three of you want to have that
- 19 submitted as your position, which as I recall is in
- on opposition.
- 21 COMMISSIONER BRADFORD: It is still our position on
- 22 the other plan, but it obviously doesn't fit this one.
- 23 COMMISSIONER GILTNSKY: Well, it has been submitted
- 24 as I understand as the position under the plan.
- 25 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: That is right.

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1 COMMISSIONER BRADFORD: There is no problem with
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- 2 that. The question is whether there is anything to be said
- 3 about this one on behalf of any of the group of three of us so
- 4 that there i Commission testimony. I guess my own feeling
- 5 about it is that it is an improvement.
- 6 CHAIRMAN AHEARNE: Well, for example, can we have a
- 7 very simple statement that the Commission endorses this plan?
- 8 Then you could go on to say that there is an inadequate amount
- 9 of time to develop a full satement.
- 10 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: You don't have to go that
- 11 far. You could say that the Commission considers on a very
- 12 quick and cursory review that this amendment seems to move
- 13 well along the way toward resolving a number of the
- 14 difficulties recited in our earlier testimony. However, we
- 15 would like the opportunity to review it more carefully and
- 16 give the committee our considered testimony.
- 17 COMMISSIONER GILINSKY: It sounds very reasonable.
- 18 CHAIRMAN AHEARNE: But on balance beyond this
- 19 cursory view do you support it?
- 20 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: No, I don't say that. I was
- 21 just a step below that. It goes a considerable way toward
- 22 meeting the concerns expressed on the earlier plan.
- 23 COMMISSIONER GILINSKY: This thing is just a riot.
- 24 John, you haven't made up your mind on the Philippine
- 25 situation yet.

- 1 CHAIRMAN AHEARNE: Well, I haven't seen the final
- 2 version of that opinion.
- 3 COMMISSIONER GILINSKY: Well, anyway, you know, we
- 4 have just gotten it.
- 5 COMMISSIONER BRADFORD: Well, I could join in
- 6 something along the lines of what Dick said, that is, that it
- 7 is clearly an improvement. I would avoid the word "endorse"
- 8 simple because that seems to say that it is better than the
- 9 existing structure, and except on emergency management I guess
- 10 I really don't think it is. It is no longer probably
- 11 something I would fall on my sword over.
- 12 (Laughter)
- 13 COMMISSIONER HENDRIE: They will still have 48 hours
- 14 after tomorrow to amend it in a harsher direction.
- 15 CHAIRMAN AHEARNE: Len, could you draft at least
- 16 something that I would read, and it would essentially say that
- 17 the previously submitted testimony really referred to the
- 18 earlier version of the amendment plan and that remains the
- 19 position as indicated of the Commission as a majority of the
- 20 individual Commissioners on the previous version. I think
- 21 that is true. No one has changed their position on the
- 22 previous version.
- 23 The amended plan which has just been submitted, and
- 24 then you have to use Dick's words ---
- 25 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: You have got to say who that

- 1 represents.
- 2 CHAIRMAN AHEARNE: Well, it represents the majority
- 3 of the Commission, Commissioners Hendrie and Ahearne, which
- 4 support the plan.
- 5 COMMISSIONER BRADFORD: I would also throw in a
- 6 sentence I think expressing in no very spectacular way but
- 7 expressing gratitude for the role of the Congress i bringing
- 8 about the movement in what we see as a favorable direction.
- 9 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: I think when you are
- 10 commending the Congress that is always something I can join
- 11 in.
- 12 COMMISSIONER HENDRIE: On the other hand, Peter,
- 13 what you could also note is that most of that help came from
- 14 the Senate side -- (Laughter) -- and the House Government
- 15 Operations Committee, with the positive exception of Mr.
- 16 Moffett, has been notably unhelpful.
- 17 (Laughter)
- 18 MR. FAY: The batting order is to be Mr. Moffett,
- 19 No. 1, Harrison Welford, OMB, No. 2 and the NRC.
- 20 COMMISSIONER HENDRIE: Starting when?
- 21 MR. FAY: 9:30.
- 22 COMMISSIONER HENDRIE: I am going to go on time to
- 23 this one. Boy, I don't want to miss a minute.
- (Laughter)
- 25 CHAIRMAN AHEARNE: Len, would you try to put that

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1 together and, if you would, run it by everybody so that nobody
2 is upset by it.
        All right, thank you.
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            Let's see, a vote to withhold.
            (Chorus of Ayes.)
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            (Whereupon, at 4:25 a.m., the closed session
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