

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

August 22, 1980

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IN RESPONSE REFER TO FOIA-80-386

Dear Mr. Jordan:

This is in response to your letter dated July 23, 1980, in which you requested, pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act, on behalf of Concerned Citizens of Rhode Island, copies of all records pertaining to four categories of information with regard to the United Nuclear Corporation plant and waiver of search and copying fees. Also, this confirms the telephone conversations between Linda Robinson of my staff and you and Ellyn Weiss of your firm on August 7 and 11 in which the following information was provided.

Records which pertain to this plant-have already been made available for public inspection and copying at the NRC Public Document Room (PDR), 1717 H Street, N.W., Washington, DC 20555, under Docket No. 70-820. Also, in response to a previous FOIA request, copies of reports of periodic safety inspections carried out in the years 1964 through 1974 by NRC's Office of Inspection and Enforcement at this plant are contained at the PDR in folder FOIA-75-25 under the name of Jane Lapere. The charge for reproducing records located in the PDR is eight (\$0.08) per page, as specified in 10 CFR 9.14(a).

A complete set of files on this plant is maintained by NRC's Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards, Willste Building, 7915 Eastern Avenue, Silver Spring, Maryland. These files measure approximately six feet. Mr. Crow estimates that it would take 40 to 60 hours of search by a professional employee to locate all documents subject to your broad request.

As an alternative, we are willing to provide you with access to the files at NRC's office in Silver Spring. Please call William Crow, at 427-4100, to make an appointment to review the documents. Since we have no idea at this time as to the number of documents involved, or their particular relevance to the public interest standard for waiver of fees, we are not in a position to discuss any waiver of fees at this time.

We note that by letter dated August 12, 1980, Mr. Crow responded to your letter dated July 23, 1980, in which you asked Mr. Crow numerous questions related to subjects covered by your FOIA request. With regard to items Nos. 1 and 2 of your FOIA request, Mr. Crow stated that he has asked NRC's Office of Inspection and Enforcement to investigate these matters and provide information to him. With regard to item No. 3, Mr. Crow informed us that to his knowledge there are no documents on this subject in the files. Mr. Crow further informed us that the inspection reports, which are available in the PDR, would contain information on item No. 4 of your request.

If you have any questions concerning this response to your FCIA request, please call Linda Robinson at 492-8133.

Sincerely,

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J. M. Felton, Director Division of Rules and Records Office of Administration