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5 Public Session

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7 PRESENTATION OF CERTIFICATES OF APPOINTMENT TO  
8 HAROLD R. DENTON  
9 and  
10 WILLIAM J. DIRCKS  
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12 Commissioner's Conference Room  
13 Room 1130  
14 1717 H Street, N.W.  
Washington, D.C.

15 Wednesday, 6 September 1978

16 The above presentations were made pursuant to  
17 notice, at 10:30 a.m.

18 PRESENT:

19 JOSEPH HENDRIE, Chairman  
20 RICHARD KENNEDY, Commissioner  
VICTOR GILINSKY, Commissioner  
21 PETER BRADFORD, Commissioner  
JOHN AHEARNE, Commissioner

22 HAROLD R. DENTON  
23 WILLIAM J. DIRCKS.  
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P R O C E E D I N G S

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2 CHAIRMAN HENDRIE: If we could come to order for the  
3 next section of this morning's enterprise.

4 In a moment I have a very pleasant duty to perform  
5 in presenting certificates of appointment to two officers of  
6 the Commissioner whom we have recently appointed to office.

7 No true officer of the Commission can really operate  
8 adequately without that plaque on the wall which reinforces  
9 his authority and presence and adds a mysterious underlying  
10 authority to the whole proposition.

11 However, before I get to that very pleasant duty, I  
12 have another very pleasant duty. I have been waiting for some  
13 sort of an opportunity to present this. It turns out it will  
14 be no surprise to him, and it depresses me enormously that  
15 Commissioner Kennedy has worked for this government for almost  
16 more years than I can bear to think of.

17 And I am very pleased, Dick. Let me give you that.

18 (Handing box to Commissioner Kennedy.)

19 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: My God!

20 (Laughter.)

21 CHAIRMAN HENDRIE: I congratulate you upon 35 years  
22 of service to the government.

23 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Why, thank you.

24 CHAIRMAN HENDRIE: And could I add to the back of  
25 that my own note of --

(Handing document to Commissioner Kennedy.)

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1 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Age turns out to be its  
2 own reward.

3 (Laughter and applause.)

4 CHAIRMAN HENDRIE: Now, let me come around on this  
5 side of the table.

6 Harold, if you will come up here and share the front  
7 of the room with me.

8 The United States Nuclear Regulatory Commission,  
9 having complete trust in the integrity and ability faithfully  
10 to carry out the responsibilities of the office, named below,  
11 and in accordance with the Energy Reorganization Act of 1974,  
12 this hereby appoints Harold R. Denton as Director of the Office  
13 of Nuclear Reactor Regulation.

14 And I congratulate you.

15 (Handing document to Mr. Denton.)

16 MR. DENTON: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

17 CHAIRMAN HENDRIE: I note that your certificate  
18 is signed by five -- count them by George, five genuine  
19 Commissioners of the realm.

20 (Laughter.)

21 And I am very happy to present this to you.

22 Now that you have got it in your office, why be  
23 careful about signing 206 --

24 (Laughter.)

25 (Applause.)

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1                   CHAIRMAN HENDRIE: Bill, having read the language,  
2 I won't repeat it identically, but simply note that it reads  
3 similarly, and says the Commission does hereby appoint  
4 William J. Dircks as Deputy Executive Director of Operations,  
5 and note that again an honest count of five full Commissioners  
6 have signed this document.

7                   I congratulate you.

8                   (Handing document to Mr. Dircks.)

9                   MR. DIRCKS: Thank you very much, sir.

10                  (Applause.)

11                  CHAIRMAN HENDRIE: I do want to note to both of  
12 you the Commission's considerable satisfaction that we have you  
13 appointed, in place, and now duly certificated and hard at  
14 work.

15                  Thank you.

16                  (Whereupon, at 10:40 a.m., the above-entitled  
17 presentation was adjourned.)

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