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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chairman Hendrie

Commissioner Gilinsky Commissioner Kennedy Commissioner Bradford

FROM: Edson G. Case, Acting Director

Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation

THRU: Executive Director for Operations

SUBJECT: MEETING WITH STAFF MEMBERS OF SENATE

SUBCOMMITTEE AND COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT

AND PUBLIC WORKS

On December 22, Kevin Cornell telephoned me to request that I meet with staff members of the Senate Subcommittee on Environment and Public Works on December 27 to discuss my written testimony at the "North Anna Fault" hearing on October 13, 1977 before the Subcommittee. He stated that Senator Hart was considering writing a letter to the Commission on the subject, and that he (the Senator) thought the Subcommittee staff should discuss the testimony with me prior to the sending of such a letter.

Jim Long of NRR (who assisted me in drafting my testimony) Ed Fay (CA) and I met with Haven Whiteside, Kevin Cornell and Carol Hackes of the Subcommittee staff and John Yago of the full Committee staff for about two hours, as requested. The primary topic of discussion was that portion of my testimony dealing with whether and when VEPCO had informed the AEC staff in 1973 that the geologic feature in question during May-August 1973 was a "fault" as opposed to a "chlorite seam." The Subcommittee staff stated that they had become aware that VEPCO disagreed with the statements in my testimony on this point through finding a copy of a letter from Mike Maupin (VEPCO's attorney in NRC proceedings) to Tom Engelhardt (NRC/ELD) in the NRC Public Document Room. They inquired as to why NRC had not provided the letter to the Subcommittee staff, my comments on the statements in the letter, and the bases for the statements in my testimony concerning whether and when VEPCO had informed the AEC staff that the geologic feature was a fault.

At the end of the meeting, the staff requested copies of the material I had used in discussing the matter with them. There was no further discussion of the possible letter from Senator Hart during or at the end of the meeting.

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Edson G. Case, Acting Director Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation

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