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FOR OPERATIONS

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Dear Glenn:

Attached is the information you requested
regarding consolidation of the NRC.

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Enclosures

NRC CONSOLIDATION

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission Headquarters is presently located in ten different buildings in four locations - D.C., Bethesda, Silver Spring, and Rockville. Since 1977 the Agency management has been urging OMB and the Congress to consolidate the Agency. Recently the problems associated with this split operation have been documented by both the Kemeny Commission and the Rogovin Reports on the TMI accident, which called for urgent action to consolidate the Agency.

By letter dated April 22, 1980, Director McIntyre of the Office of Management and Budget instructed the General Services Administration to provide for consolidation of NRC activities into two principal locations, one in the Bethesda Triangle in suburban Maryland where a number of its activities are presently located and the other in the Matomic Building. This consolidation would enable the Commission and its principal staff to interact more effectively and thus will mitigate many of the managerial problems caused by its current housing configuration.

Under this proposal, approximately 1200 NRC employees would be collocated in downtown Washington in the Matomic Building. This would allow the agency to vacate four buildings in the Maryland suburbs. The remaining NRC staff would continue to be housed in present Bethesda, Maryland, locations all within short walking distance of each other.

The partial move to Washington would collocate selected critical units with agency leadership. These units are: reactor safety, waste management, emergency response, and reactor inspection. Support functions and program areas requiring less frequent contact with the Commission would be kept in the Bethesda complex.

The attached Table 1 describes the current NRC Headquarters housing configuration in terms of number of staff occupying space at each building. Table 2 identifies the agencies that are presently occupying space at the Matomic Building. Table 3 describes the planned consolidation in terms of the number of staff located in each building. In addition, there is attached a chronology of events that have led to this consolidation plan.

CHRONOLOGY OF EVENTS

- April 1977 NRC testified before Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works on need for consolidation emphasizing the acute problems of NRC's housing.
- May 1977 Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works directed GSA (with NRC) to investigate feasibility and need for consolidating in Washington area.
- August 1977 GSA recommended phased consolidation of NRC in leased space in a building to be constructed in Washington, D.C.
- October 1977 House Committee on Public Works and Transportation approved consolidation provided GSA obtain 600,000 sq. ft. in one building.
- April 1978 Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works directed GSA to further consider locating NRC in Montgomery County.
- July 1978 GSA report recommended consideration of two locations in D.C. and three in Montgomery County be considered.
- Early 1979 Acute space problems, caused by NRC staff growth, demanded interim relief. GSA secured limited space in Air Rights II building in Bethesda.
- March 1979 TMI accident.
- May 1979 Environmental Impact Statement completed for move to downtown Washington and other locations.
- October 1979 Kemeny Commission Report. "... geographical spread, which places top management in Washington and most of the staff in Bethesda and Silver Spring ... inhibits easy exchange of ideas." Agency "... should be located in same building or group of buildings."
- January 1980 Special Inquiry Group (Rogovin Report) "... physical separation of the Commission from the staff, and of staff offices and branches from one another, is not only time-wasting but also encourages a poor working relationship and fragmentation of the staff."
- April 1980 OMB directed GSA to provide interim consolidation in Bethesda and Matomic Building.
- June 1980 At request of Montgomery County further investigation made by GSA to find space in County. Best possibility required location in eight buildings in three locations.
- August 1980 House Committee on Public Works and Transportation agreed to resolution to eventually consolidate NRC in Silver Spring. Resolution directed GSA to consolidate NRC in the interim in "suitable space in Bethesda." Adequate space has not been found in Bethesda.

September 1980

GAO Report identified two options for interim consolidation: (1) the OMB Plan; (2) a reshuffling of personnel using existing NRC buildings. The NRC response appended to the report concluded that the second option would not solve management problems caused by agency dispersal.

Fall 1980

OMB provides \$100 K in FY 1982 budget for constructing NRC building.

January 1981

OMB eliminates FY 1982 funding request for NRC building.

June 1981

NRC's Authorizing Committees endorse Matomic consolidation in FY 1982 Authorization Report.

CURRENT NRC HEADQUARTERS
LOCATIONS AND PERSONNEL

June 1981

<u>BUILDING LOCATION</u>	<u>(Sq. Ft.) SPACE</u>	<u>PERSONNEL</u>
MATOMIC 1717 H Street, N.W. Washington, D. C.	58,571	175
PHILLIPS BLDG. 7900 Norfolk Ave. Bethesda, MD	133,425	700
LANDOW BLDG. 7910 Woodmont Ave. Bethesda, MD	16,399	125
LUGENBEEL BLDG. 4922 Fairmont Ave. Bethesda, MD	16,900	110
AIR RIGHTS III BLDG. 4550 Montgomery Ave. Bethesda, MD	32,210	150
EAST-WEST TOWERS BLDG. 4350 East-West Highway Bethesda, MD	41,300	225
FAIRMONT BLDG. 7735 Old Georgetown Road Bethesda, MD	73,755	325
WILLSTE BLDG. 7915 Eastern Ave. Silver Spring, MD	102,850	580
BUILDING NO. 7 5650 Nicholson Lane Rockville, MD	31,925	200
WAREHOUSE 4934-40 Boiling Brook Pky Rockville, MD	29,600	10
	<hr/> 536,935 sq. ft.	<hr/> 2,600

MATOMIC BUILDING

PRESENT OCCUPANCY

June 1981

<u>AGENCY</u>	<u>SQUARE FEET</u>	<u>PERSONNEL</u>
ACTION	4,475	24
Equal Employment Opportunity Commission	12,625	53
GSA Joint Use	2,205	0
Department of the Interior Bureau of Fish and Wildlife	29,555	147
International Communications Agency	48,975	200
Merit Systems Protection Board	44,180	275
Nuclear Regulatory Commission	57,685	175
Office of Personnel Management	62,775	302
State Department	2,000	7
State Department US/Canada International Commission	4,960	21
Total	274,435*	1,197

*Excludes Parking

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NRC SPACE OCCUPANCY AFTER CONSOLIDATION

	<u>Sq. Ft.</u>	<u>People</u>
Matomic Building (Washington, D. C.)	276,020	1,200
<u>Bethesda</u>		
Phillips Building	133,425	700
Fairmont Building	73,755	325
Air Rights Building	32,210	150
East-West Towers	41,300	225
Total in Bethesda	280,690	1,400
Grand Total	556,710	2,600