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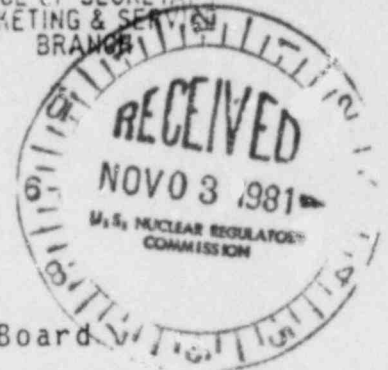
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FROM:

*Charles Bechhoefer*  
Charles Bechhoefer, Chairman  
Atomic Safety and Licensing Board

SUBJECT:

LICENSING BOARD REVIEW OF TRANSITION-PERIOD  
CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITIES IN SOUTH TEXAS  
OPERATING LICENSE PROCEEDING (DOCKET NOS.  
50-498 AND 50-499)



In response to the Secretary's Memorandum of June 30, 1981 (subject: "Raising of Issues Sua Sponte in Adjudicatory Proceedings"), transmitted herewith are copies of the Licensing Board's Memorandum and Order dated October 30, 1981, in the South Texas operating license proceeding. We are forwarding this Memorandum and Order even though we recognize that the issues raised therein might not be regarded as sua sponte issues but, instead, as falling within the scope of issues already admitted to the proceeding and hence not subject to the reporting requirement imposed by the Commission.

We are aware of the Petition to Suspend Construction recently filed by CEU with the Commission. See footnote 3 of our Memorandum and Order. We have also received a letter from the Applicants questioning the course of action outlined in our Memorandum and Order. (All parties had received advanced notification concerning the pending issuance of our Memorandum and Order.) Notwithstanding that letter, we believe that that course of action is appropriate given the near-term nature of the safety-related construction activities with which our Memorandum and Order deals. As

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