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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION
ACT REQUEST

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Director
Office of Administration
Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington, D. C. 20555

RE: FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT REQUEST

Dear Sir:

This is a request under the Freedom of Information Act, 5 USC 552, and the regulations promulgated thereunder. I will pay any fee incurred in connection with this request.

I hereby request that you send me copies of any and all files, reports, documents, records, booklets, pamphlets, manuals, and memoranda that your agency maintains in its system of records pertaining to its employment of the surveillance technique known as the mail cover, both routine and covert coverage. Covert coverage is also known as "sophisticated mail coverage" or "flaps and seals."

Routine coverage involves recording information from the face of envelopes. It is available legally to any duly authorized Federal or state investigative agency submitting a written request to the United States Postal Service and has been frequently used by the military intelligence services.

Covert mail coverage, also known as "sophisticated mail coverage" or "flaps and seals," entails surreptitious screening and may include opening and examination of domestic or foreign mail. This technique is based on high-level cooperation of top echelon postal officials.

In addition, please furnish me with copies of any and all working agreements your agency has with Mr. William F. Bolger, United States Postmaster General, Mr. R. J. Grannan, Postal Inspector In Charge, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, and Mr. William J. Miller, Postmaster, Buffalo, New York, in regard to the above.

If documents are denied in part or in whole, please specify which exemption(s) is (are) claimed for each passage or whole document denied. Please provide a complete itemized inventory and a detailed factual justification of total or partial denial of documents. Specify the number of pages in each document and the total number of pages pertaining

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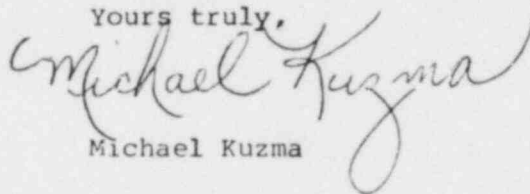
to this request. For "classified" material denied, please include the following information: the classification (confidential, secret, or top secret); identity of the classifier; date or event for automatic declassification, classification review, or downgrading; if applicable, identity of official authorizing extension of automatic declassification or review past six years; and, if applicable, the reason for extended classification past six years.

In excising material, please "black out" the material rather than "white out" or "cut out." I expect, as provided by 5 USC 552, that the remaining non-exempt portions of documents will be released.

I want all pages released regardless of the extent of excising, even if all that remains are the stationery headings or administrative markings.

Please send a memo (copy to me) to the appropriate units in your office to assure that no records related to this request are destroyed. Please advise of any destruction of records and include the date of and authority for such destruction.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Michael Kuzma". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Michael Kuzma