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The Honorable Nunzio Palladino
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Dear Mr. Chairman:

Your letter of March 2, 1982 indicated that although the NRC is aware of classified information that is applicable to several of my questions regarding the effectiveness of IAEA safeguards, the NRC is not authorized to disseminate that information further.

You also indicated that our questions can more properly be addressed by agencies of the Executive Branch. In your appearance before the Subcommittee on Energy Conservation and Power on March 3, 1982, you identified the Central Intelligence Agency and the Department of State as the appropriate agencies.

To help focus our inquiries to those agencies, please provide a list of all documents, including intelligence reports, which the Nuclear Regulatory Commission has seen or of which it is aware that are relevant to the questions posed in our letters to the NRC of November 25 and 30, 1981. In responding to this request, please identify all relevant documents as fully as possible, including any identifying numbers.

If the NRC believes that Executive Branch approval is required before the numbers which identify these documents can be disseminated to Congress, please cite the specific statutory authority for such a conclusion.

In view of the concerns which I stated in the March 3 hearing about the NRC's delays in answering inquiries from this Committee and our need to direct our questions to the agencies of the Executive Branch, in a timely manner, I would appreciate receiving this information not later than close of business, March 16, 1982.

Sincerely,

Richard Ottinger

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