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Note to John F. O'Leary

ANONYMOUS LETTER ABOUT NUCLEAR FUEL SERVICES, WEST VALLEY

What do you think of the attached? It is not signed and there is no return address. Still, I don't class it as a crank letter.

My first thought goes along the following lines. We ought to get Regulatory Operations to stage an unannounced inspection up there. Maybe some of Smiley's hawks ought to go along (Fuels & Materials licenses West Valley). We then ought to run a news release in the Buffalo Evening News saying we have made a surprise inspection. How much of the inspection finding should go in the release can wait until we see how it comes out.

A second thought would be to form up a detailed reply, being as factual as possible, and not sloughing off the assorted past violations at West Valley. Then I could write the Buffalo Evening News saying I've had an anonymous letter expressing various concerns, and would like to answer through the News' letter columns.

I might note NFS at West Valley has been a running sore with regard to releases, employee exposures, sloppy plant conditions, etc. Smiley and his people will be much better informed about details than I am. Also, Regulatory Operations should have some interesting things to say about West Valley

I am not sending copies of this anyplace else, and will wait for your comment.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "J. Hendrie", is written over the typed name below.

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Enclosure:
Anonymous ltr to JMHendrie
dated 9/3/72

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