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September 19, 1990

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Dear Mr. Priory:

Attached you will find a copy of a list of many allegations that have appeared in various publications in Europe concerning Nukem. Nukem is one of the companies that owns and possibly controls a large portion of Urenco whom your company (Duke Power) has chosen to work with on the proposed LES facility here in Claiborne Parish. I sincerely hope that your Board of Directors is aware of these allegations. In these trying times, one has to be very careful of business partners and the troubles that they can cause companies. Bad publicity, contingent liabilities and unprofitable ventures can all do irreparable damage to a good corporate name. One only has to look at Exxon and the Valdez incident to see the truth in this thought.

To me, this list of allegations constitutes a very troubling statement because it is highly contradictory of what you and other Duke Power Co. officials, along with LES officials, and Senator J. Bennett Johnston have been telling us poor "SCIENTIFICALLY ILLITERATE" people and "SORE HEADS" here in Claiborne Parish for nearly a year now. Those are the two (2) endearing descriptive terms used by Senator Johnston to describe us here in Claiborne Parish recently. This comment is from a man who doesn't know the difference in an uranium coated Fiestaware plate and a regular plate. On numerous occasions, Duke officials and LES officials (Most LES officials appear to be on loan from Duke Power) have been saying and implying that Urenco has superior technology and Urenco companies have much better safety records than their U. S. counterparts. You have repeatedly implied that governmental standards and inspections in Europe are somehow superior than that found here in the U. S. It would appear from this list of allegations that your assessment concerning European safety, technological superiority, and record for maintaining security should certainly be closely scrutinized. This is certainly a very interesting point and one that needs verification. Mr. Priory, if you will remember, sometime ago I requested this information from you in a phone conversation.

It is our understanding that the NRC requires that every accident or "event," as you Nuclear people say, must be reported. We can only assume that the European countries would have equally stringent, if not more stringent, reporting rules since you have

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so often stressed Urenco's safety record. We of CANT would like to hereby request written copies of all events that have occurred in all Urenco plants in chronological order dating from original start up dates. This is not an unusual request. It is our understanding that in the U. S., this type of information is available to the public. In fact, we have secured a number of reports on events that have occurred in Duke Power Co. nuclear plants. You have gone on record stating that the Gronau Plant has had only one lost time accident in many years of operation. We are simply asking for proof of such claims. Surely the European countries are as open with their people as we are with ours.

We have also been told by one of our German contacts that Nukem or one of its subsidiaries has had some very serious pollution at one of its facilities. We are told that the cost of cleanup at this facility is expected to be over 150 million dollars. It is possible that this plant has already been cleaned up. Please verify whether or not this is correct and, if so, provide us with any available information on this facility.

While we are getting information I would also like another question answered. Recently, CNN News reported that Iraq now has centrifuge technology and inferred that this technology was being used for enrichment purposes in the construction of a nuclear bomb. Statements made on numerous occasions by LES officials make it appear that centrifuge technology could only come from Urenco or Russia. We have numerous German contacts that feel that Iraq secured this technology from a German source. Did the centrifuge technology now in Iraq's possession, in any way, come from Urenco, Uranit, Nukem, Degussa, or any subsidiary owned or controlled by one of these companies. By this I mean, did Iraq obtain any hardware, technical data, fissionable material, or for that matter personnel from Urenco, Uranit, Nukem, Degussa or any of their subsidiaries.

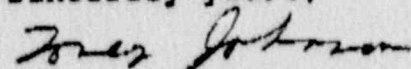
In closing, there are several other questions that have recently come to mind that are bothering me very much. I am sure that you are well aware of the enormous losses that our financial institutions are experiencing at this time. Duke Power, LP&L, and Northern States Power have all announced that at the construction phase you intend to "CASH OUT" of this project and sell your interest to outside investors. For all three major U. S. utility companies to suddenly pull out of this venture makes one wonder about the risk involved in this project. I would remind you that this is also directly opposite to what we were told on a

local level. Here, in Claiborne Parish, we were repeatedly assured that these multi-billion dollar utility companies would be behind LES, ready to make any wrong right. Now we find that this will not be the case.

My questions, however, concern these future investors. This plant could incur enormous liabilities from an accidental release, similar to the one that occurred in Gore, Oklahoma; and, final decommission and decontamination costs could escalate tremendously along with all sorts of other financial catastrophes. How will any prospective investors be warned of such potential liabilities prior to investing in this project? Will any prosperous advertising this project include a thorough discussion of the potential risks? Will the sale of securities for the LES facility fall under the jurisdiction of the Securities and Exchange Commission? What types of disclosure will the Securities and Exchange Commission require? What financial institution will handle the sale of the various interests, and will that institution be liable if full disclosure is later found inadequate?

Your help in answering these questions will be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely yours,



Toney Johnson



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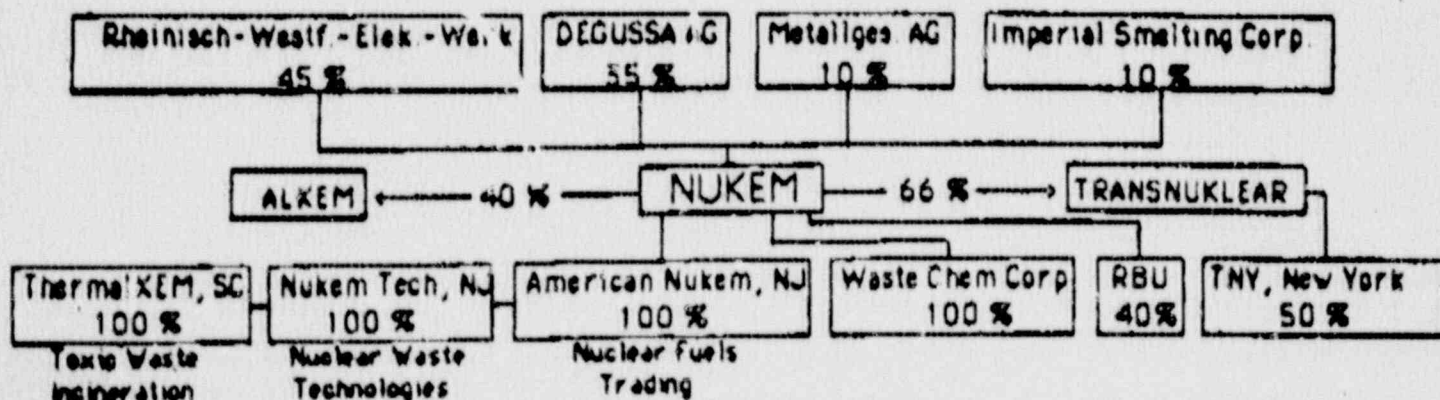


The "german" connection

The following is a chronology of events involving NUKEM and affiliated companies as reported in the german media. Sources include: dpa, Der Spiegel, taz, Report, Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung.

- Mid 1980's - NUKEM supplies ultrasonic testing installations needed for NUCLEAR BOMB manufacture to South Africa.
- November '85 - RBU employee dumps appr. 60 000 gal uranium CONTAMINATED wastewater into public sewer system.
- October 21, '86- TRANSNUKLEAR truck has accident on Autobahn near Antwerp/Belgium. Radioactive fluids, NOT DECLARED on shipping papers, seep into groundwater
- August 1986 - AMERICAN NUKEM sells 2.5 million lbs of South African uranium to US company Malapat, Phoenix, AZ. by SWAPPING certificate of material origin, thereby BYPASSING US trade embargo.
- January 1987 - BRIBERY scandal involving TRANSNUKLEAR and nuclear power plant operators/employees unfolds. \$ Million DM, maybe 21 mill involved. Leads point to NUKEM.
- February 1987 - South African uranium ends up in Soviet Union via NUKEM, even though the Soviets have issued an embargo against these materials.
- March 1987 - Plutonium contaminated uranium tablet releases highly radioactive fumes, CONTAMINATING 69 NUKEM employees
- March 1987 - ALKEM employee CONTAMINATED with radioactive burns to head and arms.
- April 1987 - Preussen Elektra employee Klaus Ramcke commits SUICIDE, after accepting BRIBES from TRANSNUKLEAR.
- Fall 1987 - INTENTIONAL MISLABELING of nuclear waste materials. Plutonium shipped by TRANSNUKLEAR to West Germany for storage, instead of low level waste
- December '87 - Hans Holtz, TRANSNUKLEAR manager, commits SUICIDE, while being interrogated.
- December '87 - Environmental Minister SUSPENDS TRANSNUKLEAR license.
- January 1988 - Belgian authority for radioactive waste finds 700 barrels german RADIOACTIVE WASTE MISSING at TRANSNUKLEAR subsidiary SMET JET.
- January 1988 - Manfred Stephany, NUKEM president, RESIGNS. 2 remaining VP's, Peter Jelinek-Fink & Gerhard Mackstein are asked to resign by state of Hessen Ministerpresident. NUKEM orders FORCED RESIGNATIONS. NUKEM temporarily SHUT DOWN. All traffic entering & leaving being searched.
- January 14, '88- Search at NUKEM turns up papers dealing with irregularities in highly enriched uranium trade. Hessen Ministerpresident Wallmann announces that fissionable material may have been diverted to LIBYA and PAKISTAN via NUKEM.
- January 1988 - M. STEPHANY knew of cash transfers to third companies, which were then used by TRANSNUKLEAR for BRIBERY, as early as 1983, yet when told about it, brushed off criticism. The 1989 Edition of Dunn & Bradstreet lists M. STEPHANY and P. JELINEK-FINK under NUKEM TECHNOLOGIES, Paramus, N.J., direct superiors of ThermalKEM, Rock Hill, S.C.

Prof. B. Liebmann, DEGUSSA-CEO, confirms NUKEM's SCANDAL and says that among other things its AMERICAN TOXIC WASTE INCINERATION will play an important role in the company's future (Trevemuende, West Germany, June 1988)



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David Duke was the focal point for a very heated portion of Johnston's speech. "It's time for people to wake up to David Duke. That guy is nothing but a con man. There's not a thing that comes out of his mouth, hardly a word, that's true." Johnston also claimed that Duke lied about cutting his ties with the Ku Klux Klan. Johnston asked the audience, "If he left the clan, why did he have the clan

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