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MEMORANDUM FOR: Victor Stello, Jr. Executive Director for Operations

FROM: Samuel J. Chilk, Secretary

SUBJECT: STAFF REQUIREMENTS - BRIEFING BY EXECUTIVE BRANCH, 10:00 A.M., TUESDAY, DECEMBER 22, 1987, CHAIRMAN'S CONFERENCE ROOM, D.C. OFFICE (CLOSED--EX. 1)

cc: HLT RMB JLF C2J SGTIR Yand...

The Commission was briefed by members of the Executive Branch and the NRC staff on the NSC's December 16, 1987, response to the NRC's letter of July 1985 to Mr. McFarlane.

The Commission requested that the staff continue its close contacts with the Executive Branch agencies and advise the Commission promptly of any changes in its assessment of the present threat level at NRC licensed facilities.

The Commission (with Chairman Zech and Commissioners Carr and Rogers agreeing) requested that the staff provide a Commission paper discussing a range of options for paper contingency planning which could be taken to counteract a possible surface vehicle threat up to and including a vehicle bomb at power reactors and Category I fuel cycle facilities. The staff should provide their recommended regulatory directive and a proposed method for implementation as well as a summary of any current industry initiatives. The Commission would also like to hear specifically what the Department of Energy has done in terms of mitigation and contingency planning. (EDO) (SECY Suspense: 3/16/88)

Commissioners Roberts and Bernthal do not believe that an options paper is necessary; they believe that the staff should prepare for Commission approval an appropriate regulatory directive that would require licensees to prepare contingency plans that would serve as a basis for action to respond to notification of a vehicle bomb threat. Commissioner Roberts believes that this action is prudent and is dictated by a need that the utility and especially those at the plant site be informed and ready in the unlikely event of an actual threat.

- cc: Chairman Zech Commissioner Roberts Commissioner Bernthal Commissioner Carr Commissioner Rogers OGC (H Street) GPA