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MEMORANDUM FOR: John H. Corley, Director, Division of Facilities and Operations, ADM

FROM: Brian K. Grimes, Director, Division of Emergency Preparedness, IE

SUBJECT: REMOVAL OF BEEP TONES FROM NRC OPERATIONS CENTER TELEPHONES

You are aware that the EDO's Office has raised some concerns about removing the beep tones from the telephone in the NRC Operations Center. There is some concern that parties may not be aware of the recording of their telephone conversation and this would be an invasion of their privacy even though it has been deemed to be legal. We have offered to announce the fact that we are recording every time the Duty Officer answers one of the direct dial telephones. There is some concern that this procedure would depend too much on human factors. Mr. Cornell has suggested that other alternatives should be explored which would meet the requirements and concerns stated in our request to the Federal Communications Commission and yet assure that the party outside the Operations Center is aware that the call is being recorded.

This is to request that your staff develop these alternatives along with the attendant costs and advantages and disadvantages of each system. Bernard Weiss of my staff is prepared to work with your staff in this effort.

Mr. Stello and Mr. Cornell have agreed that alternatives should be identified and a final decision made in three weeks. Please provide me with information on any alternatives identified by August 20, 1981.

Brian K. Grimes, Director
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