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June 29, 1990

MEMORANDUM FOR: Dennis Crutchfield, NRR
FROM: D.D. Driskill, Director
Office of Investigations Field Office, RIV
SUBJECT: OI INTERVIEW OF JOHN CORDER

On March 28, 1990, John Corder, a former Bechtel Corporation employee, who worked at the Houston Lighting and Power Company (HL&P) South Texas Project (STP), met with the NRC staff personnel and NRC Office of Investigations (OI) Investigator Virginia Van Cleave to discuss safety concerns involving alleged wrongdoing, which he [Corder] believes to exist at STP. Corder was represented during this interview with Attorney Billie Garde. Prior to the interview with Investigator Van Cleave, Corder related to NRC staff members his concerns which were technical in nature.

Prior to subject interview, Investigator Van Cleave reviewed OI:RIV Report of Investigation 4-86-016 which related to previous allegations of wrongdoing related to the alleged discriminatory termination of Corder by Bechtel. This investigation did not substantiate Corder's claims.

Investigator Van Cleave reported to me that during the March 28, 1990, meeting, Corder and Garde recited numerous accounts of matters pertaining to topics such as waste, mismanagement, and poor construction practices. Furthermore, Corder reiterated allegations concerning technical issues previously addressed and found to be unsubstantiated in OI report 4-86-016 (and RIV inspection reports issued concurrent with that report). Lastly, Corder continues to contend that his termination by Bechtel was discriminatory and the result of allegations made to the NRC which was found to be unsubstantiated during 4-86-016. Investigator Van Cleave advised neither Corder or Garde presented any allegations which OI traditionally interprets as wrongdoing or matters necessitating OI investigation.

In view of the above determination and NRC technical staff presence at this interview, OI:RIV has not prepared any formal record of the concerns cited by Corder.

Should you have any further questions concerning this matter please contact me at (FTS) 728-8110.

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

FROM: Sharon R. Connelly, Director
Office of Inspector and Auditor

SUBJECT: REFERRAL OF TECHNICAL ISSUES PROVIDED TO
OIA DURING THE SOUTH TEXAS PROJECT INVESTIGATION

Attached is a list of security issues that may indicate overregulation by NRC at the South Texas Project which were provided to the Office of Inspector and Auditor during the course of an ongoing investigation. Since these issues do not appear to involve wrongdoing, they are not appropriately resolved by investigation. The issues involve technical disagreements between the allegor and the NRC staff, therefore, we are referring them to you for your review. Essentially the allegor, a former manager, Nuclear Security, Houston Lighting & Power Company, claimed that NRC inspectors routinely "ratcheted" the licensee at the South Texas Project by imposing requirements that were not intended by the existing rules and regulations.

Please let me know if your staff would like further clarification of these issues.

for Frederick W. Sten
Sharon R. Connelly, Director
Office of Inspector and Auditor

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