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The Honorable Tom Bevill, Chairman Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development Committee on Appropriations United States House of Representatives Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Mr. Chairman:

Last year's conference report accompanying the Energy and Water Development Appropriation for FY 1982 (P.L. 97-88) asked the Commission to submit a report addressing a number of issues identified by the House Appropriations Committee (H.R. Rept. 97-177) relating to the proposed nuclear data link (NDL).

We have not yet completed the requested study. As you may be aware, the pending conference report on the NRC FY 1982-83 authorization (H.R. 2330) contains guidance on the NDL and directs the Commission to study certain questions related to its feasibility and need. We have directed the NRC staff to study all of the issues related to the NDL and provide responses to the questions raised by the conferees on both our authorization and appropriation bills.

We will inform you of the progress of the staff study, when developed, and provide you with responses to the Committee's questions as soon as they are available.

Sincerely,

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cc: Rep. John T. Myers