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May 13, 1994

Mr. Dennis K. Rathbun
Director, Office of Congressional Affairs
Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington, D.C. 20555

Dear Mr. Rathbun:

I am enclosing a copy of an inquiry that I received from Thomas H. Brem, Political Director, General Service Employees Union, Local No. 73.

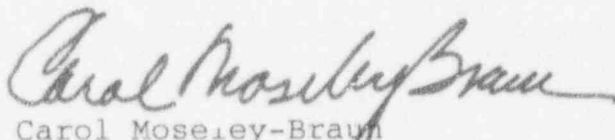
Because of this office's desire to be responsive to all communications, your consideration of the attached is requested.

Your findings and views will be appreciated, and I will pass them on to Mr. Brem. Or you may reply directly to Mr. Brem and forward a copy to my office.

Please Respond To:

Andre L. Brady
Constituent Assistant
Carol Moseley-Braun, U.S.S.
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(312) 353-2553

Yours truly,


Carol Moseley-Braun
United States Senator

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Senator Carol Moseley-Braun
Room 708
Hart Building
2nd and C Street, N. E.
Washington, D. C. 20510

Dear Senator:

Along with the enclosed letter I wanted to make you aware of a situation which is an outgrowth of Commonwealth Edison's campaign to discourage people familiar with their plan to reduce security at nuclear power plants from writing to you.

At the Dresden plant, the Local 73 Chief Steward was forced by Burns Security management to remove all material from the Union bulletin board as "inappropriate" or "unnecessary." Included in this material was a poster. It is a poster that was proudly carried by Local 73 members last summer during the march on Washington, D. C. It is a poster honoring Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. expressing that the Service Employees International Union intends to keep his dream alive.

Last January at our stewards conference, the poster was made available to all stewards as a present from Local 73. The stewards at Dresden posted theirs on the union bulletin board as a reminder of our pledge.

I am proud to point this out because they made this commitment even though out of the hundreds of Burns security officers we represent in nuclear plants, only two security officers are African-American.

Further I am pleased to say that one of the stewards was so outraged that he tried to physically block the removal of materials including the poster from the bulletin board, but was eventually unsuccessful. Burns will no doubt try to blame this incident on "low-level supervisors" or "misunderstandings" but it is clear that Burns' supervisors do nothing without high-level approval.

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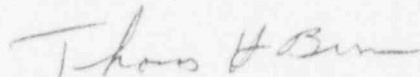
I am pointing out this incident to you not only because of an outrage that a tribute to Dr. Martin Luther King could be deemed "inappropriate" but because it evidences the lengths that Burns Security and Commonwealth Edison are going to in order to retaliate against us for trying to bring to your attention the public's concern over their secret plan to reduce security at nuclear plants to increase their profits.

They have launched a massive misinformation campaign to persuade the public that this is not the case while secretly going to the Nuclear Regulatory Commission for permission to drastically cut security by mid-April without the opportunity for public hearings or comment.

Those of us concerned about this desperately need your help in stopping this program. We have worked together with you in the past and look forward to doing so in the future but at this point we need your help now to protect our nuclear plants and to get our poster back.

I look forward to your response.

Sincerely,



Thomas H. Brem
Political Director

cc: Tom Balanoff

Enclosures/2

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Interoffice memorandum

HCN94BR-174

to: All Region Employees

from: Joseph A. Franch *JAF*

date: March 18, 1994

subject: Unauthorized Material
Distribution By Burns Employees

copies: M. Embree
D. Koehn
G. DeCastro
G. Thomas
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The distribution, posting, etc. of any informational material (i.e. leaflets, posters, etc.) on Commonwealth Edison property must be authorized by Burns Management (Security Force Manager, District Manager, Region Manager, etc.). This also includes information to be placed on the union board.

Failure to obtain proper authorization prior to distribution will result in disciplinary action, up to and including termination of employment.

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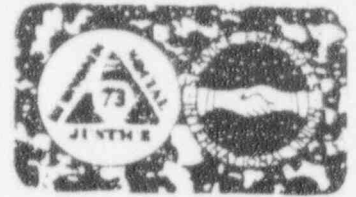
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Mr. Raymond Dillon
Site Security Administrator
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2603 North 21st Road
Marsailles, Illinois 61341

Dear Mr. Dillon:

It has come to my attention that you confronted Local 73 Chief Steward Dale Hillier on March 26, 1994 and questioned him about the source of letters you found on Commonwealth Edison (CECO) property. The letters in question were apparently letters from concerned citizens to Senators Paul Simon and Carol Moseley-Braun, and Representative George Sangmeister concerning the Commonwealth Edison Plan to reduce security at its nuclear plants in order to increase profits.

It is further my understanding that you called the presence of those letters an "informational picket" and banned any such information from Commonwealth Edison property. Immediately following your conversation with Mr. Hillier your security contractor, Burns Security banned all union material from CECO property without prior company approval. I find the coincidence of this action beyond credibility and can only conclude that Burns' action was at CECO's request or instigation and most definitely retaliatory in nature. Without comment on the propriety of your actions, I would like to point out the following:

1) It's my information that the letters in question do not carry any union logo or affiliation and in fact do not mention a union or union dispute with Commonwealth Edison.

2) Even if this were the case, the presence of information which CECO, understandably is embarrassed by and does not want made public, does not constitute an "informational picket." (If you need instruction on what does constitute an informational picket perhaps that can be arranged.)

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3. There is nothing in our labor agreement that prohibits an informational picket.

4. Even if this were a contract dispute involving an employer/union, CECO is not a party to our contract and should not interfere in our contract.

Finally, if Commonwealth Edison with all of its public relations machine, paid for by rate payers across Illinois, is so afraid that concerned citizens are trying to inform their elected representatives about CECO's irresponsible actions that it feels the need to intimidate them into silence, I am sure these citizens will find another way to communicate with their elected officials.

I hope this makes my position clear.

Sincerely,



Thomas H. Brem
Union Representative

cc: Tom Balanoff
Senator Paul Simon
Senator Carol Moseley Braun
Representative George Sangmeister, M.C.

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