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March 26, 1991

Mr. Dennis Rathbun
Director
Office of Congressional Affairs
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Washington, DC 20555

Dear Mr. Rathbun:

Enclosed please find a copy of a letter dated February 19, 1990 and sent to me by Mr. Merle Robert Gawne, a constituent of the 21st District of Pennsylvania.

In his letter, Mr. Gawne contends that several individuals were allowed to work at a particular nuclear power installation without first having signed so-called "authorization for investigation" papers and that this action appears to be a direct violation of NRC security procedures.

I would appreciate the NRC reviewing this matter and would ask that the Commission's response be forwarded to my office in Washington, D.C. If you have any questions regarding this inquiry, please do not hesitate to contact Charles Zogby of my staff at 202/225-5406.

I appreciate your positive consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

Tom Ridge
Tom Ridge
Member of Congress

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cc: Merle Robert Gawne

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Congressman Tom Ridge
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Dear Congressman Ridge:

This letter is to make you aware of violations of the Atomic Energy Commission and Public Health and Welfare, 42 U.S.C. Section 2165 (Security restrictions - On contractors ~~and licensees~~), Subsection (a) - no person is permitted access to restricted data until an investigation and report to the Commission is completed. I have enclosed a copy of this subsection.

re: memo

I am a member of I.B.E.W. Local Union #712 (217 Sassafras Lane, Beaver, PA 15009), and was employed by Sargent Electric Company at the Beaver Valley Atomic Power Plant #2 in Shippingsport, PA. On April 15, 1987, I was laid-off (fired, if you prefer) for refusing to sign the Stone & Webster "Authorization for Investigation" papers, a copy of which I have also enclosed. My objection was that Stone & Webster, as General Contractors, are not restricted by The Privacy Act. I would not have objected to an investigation by the FBI, CIA, IRS, Atomic Energy Commission or any other agency which is required to operate under this Act.

At the time of my lay-off and after, there were I.B.E.W. electricians, some #712 members and some not, doing the same work I had been, without having signed the "Authorization for Investigation". Some were not presented with the "AFI" or given a chance to sign it, and a number who had not signed were hired after my lay-off in April.

On June 29, 1988 I participated in a 3 party conversation with Kate Volk of the EEOC office in Pittsburgh and Robert Harper, Director of Security at the Duquesne Light Atomic Power Plants BV#1 and BV#2. During this conversation it was revealed that 7 I.B.E.W. Local #712 members were allowed to work at BV#2 (from which I had been laid-off) without having signed the "AFI" papers. According to Mr. Harper, Duquesne Light accepted "Good Guy Letters" from Local #712 in place of the signed "AFI" papers. I have enclosed a list of the names and addresses of Local #712 members who continued working at BV#2 after April 3, 1987.

This appears to be a direct violation of the Security restrictions cited above, and I feel that Sargent Electric, Stone & Webster, Duquesne Light and I.B.E.W. Local Union #712 were equally at fault.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,

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