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MEMORANDUM FOR: H. D. Thornburg, Director, Division of Reactor
Construction Inspection, Office of Inspection
and Enforcement

FROM: James G. Kappler, Director, Region III

SUBJECT: RECOMMENDATION FOR NOTIFICATION OF THE LICENSING
BOARD - MIDLAND NUCLEAR PROJECT

The enclosed communications consisting of inspection reports and licensee reports provide information in connection with the settlement of the diesel generator building, as well as a subject that was identified in my communication of February 15, 1979 that dealt with confirmation of equipment quality. You will recall the communication which included a Midland summary report represented Region III's overall assessment of the Midland construction project as of that date and it was recommended that it be transmitted to the Licensing Board.

Region III has reviewed the materiality and relevancy of these documents and considers them to be appropriate for referral to the Board that is currently dealing with the issuance of the Midland operating license.

The settlement of the diesel generating building is currently a specific contention before the Board, and consequently, we consider the enclosed information relevant. The other matter relates in a general way to the licensee's quality assurance program. Both are matters that have not been resolved as yet and are actively being pursued by both the licensee and the NRC staff. Additional information will be made available as it becomes available. As you are aware the diesel generator building settlement was the subject of a special NRC communication to Consumers Power Company and was issued under the provisions of 10 CFR 50.54(f).

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We believe the issues are limited to the Midland project. If we can be of further assistance to you please contact this office.

Gen W. Roy
for James G. Keppler
Director

Enclosures:
As stated