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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION
ACT REQUEST

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To Whom It May Concern:

Pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), 5 U.S.C. 552, the Government Accountability Project (GAP) of the Institute for Policy Studies, requests copies of any and all agency records and information, including but not limited to notes, letters, memoranda, drafts, minutes, diaries, logs, calendars, tapes, transcripts, summaries, interview reports, procedures, instructions, engineering analyses, drawings, files, graphs, charts, maps, photographs, agreements, handwritten notes, studies, data sheets, notebooks, books, telephone messages, computations, voice recordings, any other data compilations, interim and/or final reports, status reports, and any and all other records relevant to and/or generated in connection with and/or as a result of allegations raised by Nolan R. Hoopingarner in connection with the Catawba Nuclear Power Station, specifically: (1) intra-agency memos, reports, notes, letters, drafts, diaries, logs, calendars, tapes, transcripts, etc. as detailed above, to Mr. Alderson; (2) memos, reports, notes, etc. as detailed above concerning the 4/28/80 meeting and tour with George Maxwell by Nolan R. Hoopingarner; (3) memos, reports, notes, etc. as detailed above concerning Mr. Hoopingarner's 3/80 meeting with George Maxwell; (4) memos, reports, notes, etc. as detailed above concerning Mr. Hoopingarner's meeting and tour with Mr. Hunt (of the NRC); (5) Weekly Safety Inspection Report(s) for February 12-29, 1980. The approximate time period covered by this request is August 1977 through August 1980.

This request includes all agency records, as defined in 10 C.F.R. 9.3a(b) and the NRC Manual, Appendix 0211, Parts 1.A.2 and A.3 (approved October 8, 1980) whether they currently exist in NRC official "working" investigative or other files, or at any other location, including private residences.

If any records as defined in 10 C.F.R. 9.3a(b) and the NRC Manual, supra, and covered by this request have been destroyed and/or removed, or are destroyed and removed after receipt of this request, please provide all surrounding records, including but not limited to a list of all records which have been or are destroyed and/or removed, a description of the action(s) taken, relevant date(s), individual, office and/or agency-wide policies and/or justifications for the action(s), identification of all personnel involved with the actions and any and all records relevant to, generated in connection with,

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and/or issued in order to implement the action(s).

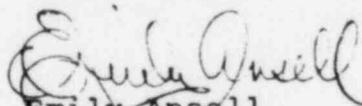
GAP requests that fees be waived, because "finding the information can be considered as primarily benefitting the general public." 5 U.S.C. 552(a)(4)(A). The Government Accountability Project is a non-profit, non-partisan public interest organization concerned with honest and open government. Through legal representation, advice, national conferences, films, publications and public outreach, the Project promotes whistleblowers as agents of government accountability. Through its Citizens Clinic, GAP offers assistance to local public interest and citizens groups seeking to ensure the health and safety of their communities. The Citizens Clinic is currently assisting several citizens groups and intervenors in the South Carolina area concerning the construction of the Catawba plant.

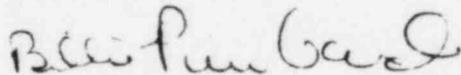
We are requesting the above information as a part of an ongoing monitoring project on the adequacy of the NRC's efforts to protect public safety and health at nuclear power plants.

For any documents or portions thereof that you deny due to specific FOIA exemption, please provide an index itemizing and describing the documents or portions of documents withheld. The index should provide a detailed justification of your grounds for claiming each exemption, explaining why each exemption is relevant to the document or portion of document withheld. This index is required under Vaughn v. Rosen (1) 484 F.2d 820 (D.C.Cir. 1973) cert. denied, 415 U.S. 977 (1974).

We look forward to your response to this request within ten days.

Yours truly,


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