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MEMORANDUM TO FILE

FROM: James K. Asselstine *James K. Asselstine*
SUBJECT: EX PARTE COMMUNICATIONS RE: TMI-1

After my tour of the TMI-1 plant on May 21, 1984, I had lunch with Richard Conte, NRC's senior resident inspector for TMI-1, and Lake Barrett the head of the TMI Program Office. During our conversation, I asked the following questions of and received the following answers from the resident:

- (1) What do you think of TMI's management overall in terms of their capability to operate TMI-1?

Mr. Conte responded that he believed TMI's management was quite capable, was responsive to NRC concerns and identified problems, and was really trying. He also indicated that he believed there had been substantial improvement in plant operations at the TMI-1 site in recent years, justifying the recent high SALP ratings.

- (2) What about Mike Ross?

Mr. Conte responded that Mr. Ross was very knowledgeable about the plant and was a very capable plant manager. He expressed the view that Mr. Ross was an essential element in the TMI-1 management.

Any party to the TMI proceeding who would like to comment on these statements, in writing, is welcome to do so. I will ensure that any comments received are served on all other parties.

cc: Chairman Palladino
Commissioner Gilinsky
Commissioner Roberts
Commissioner Bernthal
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MEMORANDUM FOR: William Clements, Chief
Docketing and Services Branch

FROM: Pat Davis, OCM *PD*

SUBJECT: TMI-1

Please serve the attached memorandum on the parties to the TMI-1 proceeding.

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