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MEMORANDUM FOR: James G. Keppler, Regional Administrator
THRU: R. F. Warnick, Acting Director, Office of Special Cases
FROM: W. D. Shafer, Chief, Midland Section
SUBJECT: GAP COMMUNICATIONS (MS. BILLIE GARDE)

On September 17, 1982, I was requested to contact Ms. Billie Garde to answer some general questions about the Midland project. To the best of my recall, the following was discussed:

(1) She asked about the status of the six GAP affidavits.

I explained that the OI investigation was progressing and that some of the people had been contacted. I stated that when the investigations were completed that OI would turn the information over to our staff for technical review and inspection.

(2) She asked about the status of the Zack investigation.

I informed her that the investigation was progressing and that Midland had priority after LaSalle. I also told her that CPCo had a copy of the Zack affidavit. She said they did not get it from GAP.

She stated that she was very concerned that we have not pursued the issue as to whether CPCo should have reported the Zack problem under 10 CFR 50.55(e). I explained that this issue would be addressed in our investigation and inspection effort.

(3) We discussed several current issues at the site as follows:

(a) Investigations

1. I stated that the investigation into the March 10, 1982 meeting where Messrs. Cook and Landsman alleged they had been lied to was nearing completion and that a final report would be forthcoming.

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2. I informed her that a request for an investigation into the potential violation of the board order had been forwarded to OI in HQ. I told her I did not know if an investigation had commenced.

(b) Discussed the development of the Work Authorization Procedure

I stated that RIII had determined that a formal communications mechanism was needed to ensure that all work authorizations would be in writing.

(c) Pipe Support and Restraint Problems

I discussed Isa Yin's inspection report and CPCo's subsequent inspection findings in this area. I stated that we have informed CPCo that we want a 100% reinspection of all supports and restraints installed prior to 1981.

(d) Misrouted Electrical Cables

I stated that we had informed CPCo that a reinspection of all SR cable was mandatory.

(e) Midland Section

I identified the Midland Section personnel and stated that the remedial soils work interface was the highest priority we had. I also stated that we were waiting for CPCo's commitments for improving their program and that you would not allow any major soils work to proceed until the Midland Section was satisfied that the program was acceptable.

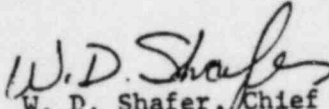
(4) After discussing item 3(e) above, Ms. Garde stated she was disappointed that GAP input was not solicited during the formation of the Midland Section. I stated that this was a management decision and could not comment further. However, I stated that she was welcome to contact me at anytime in order to ensure good communications. Ms. Garde stated she would like to meet with the Midland Section and would get back to me regarding when. I encouraged her to do so. She stated that open communications were very important in that when she made a press release she would be able to discuss what the NRC was doing.

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- (5) Ms. Garde discussed the SSER and wanted to know if R. Landsman's concern about the board violation would be addressed in it. I said I doubted if it would. The SSER document would extensively identify the design elements for the remedial soil underpinning activities. We expected the SSER to be issued on October 4, 1982.
- (6) Ms. Garde stated that she was preparing to meet with D. Saunders and was trying to obtain his affidavit. I wished her good luck and stated that we would be reviewing the relevant allegations we have obtained from Mr. Saunders.
- (7) I informed Ms. Garde that our section was developing a monthly status report which would indicate the status of RIII's effort at Midland. I told her the report would be docketed and if she wanted access to it she would have to request it through formal channels. She said she would do that.

I believe that this summary was the extent of our conversation. It was not necessarily in the order I have described above, but I do believe I have covered the most salient issues. I intend to send Ms. Garde a copy of this summary.

Should you have any questions regarding this communication, I will be happy to discuss them with you.


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cc: A. B. Davis