

## UNITED STATES NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION WASHINGTON, D. C. 20555

October 6, 1983

MEMORANDUM FOR:

Judge Helen F. Hoyt

Atomic Safety and Licensing Board

C. Sebastian Aloot

Office of the General Counsel

FROM:

Nunzio J. Palladino

SUBJECT: REPORT ON ALLEGATIONS OF THOMAS

APPLEGATE CONCERNING CONDUCT OF THE OFFICE OF INSPECTOR AND AUDITOR (OIA)

The Commission has completed its review of your report on the allegations of Thomas Applegate concerning the conduct of OIA.

Review of your report has highlighted for the Commission the necessity for a clearly articulated and consistently implemented policy regarding the purpose and scope of NRC investigations. These issues have been and continue to be the subject of strong and sometimes conflicting views. Your report also has identified the need for additional Commission guidance to assure that NRC investigations are conducted in an objective manner. The Commission intends to issue further policy guidance in these areas.

The Commission wishes to express its appreciation to you for the thorough and conscientious effort you gave to the conduct of the investigation. You have addressed difficult, fundamental policy questions in clear and challenging terms.

cc: Commissioner Gilinsky
Commissioner Roberts
Commissioner Asselstine
Commissioner Bernthal
H. Plaine, OGC

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