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MEMORANDUM FOR: Hubert J. Miller, Director, Division of  
Reactor Safety

FROM: Donald E. Funk Jr., Office Allegation Coordinator

SUBJECT: AUTHORIZATION FOR RELEASE OF SYNOPSIS FOR OI  
INVESTIGATION NO. 3-91-010 RE: ALLEGED DELIBERATE  
ATTEMPT TO COMPROMISE PORTIONS OF AN NRC REACTOR  
OPERATOR'S EXAMINATION AT FERMI  
(AMS NO. RIII-91-A-0066)

By memorandum dated August 26, 1992, OI has authorized release of the subject synopsis. In order to close out the allegation case file please provide me with a copy of the transmittal letter forwarding the synopsis to the licensee.

Donald E. Funk Jr.  
Office Allegation Coordinator

Attachment: Synopsis Case No. 3-91-010

cc: AMS No. RIII-91-A-0066

## SYNOPSIS

On August 23, 1991, the Regional Administrator (RA), U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC), Region III (RIII), requested that an investigation be initiated concerning an alleged deliberate attempt to compromise portions of an NRC Reactor Operator's Requalification Examination by a Detroit Edison Company (DECo) Fermi 2 Power Plant (Fermi 2) lead instructor.

On September 30, 1991, the RA further requested that the investigation also focus on two additional potential wrongdoing issues: (1) Other alleged instances of examination security breaches in the past; and (2) Other instances where surveillance tests were falsified.

The Office of Investigations, RIII, investigation substantiated that the lead instructor deliberately attempted to compromise the NRC Requalification Examination by directing another instructor to focus, during a simulator practice session, on procedures which were part of the NRC Requalification Examination.

The investigation also determined that a past examination of a security breach was well documented by DECo Fermi 2 senior training officials, conveyed to the NRC by DECo, and was, in fact, a mistake on the part of a DECo Fermi 2 instructor, who was the one who initially notified DECo management of his error. The investigation did not, however, substantiate any deliberate wrongdoing on the part of any DECo personnel in relation to this particular incident.

Finally, the investigation did not substantiate the allegation that there were falsifications of surveillance tests.