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Ms. Lynn Cunningham
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IN RESPONSE REFER
TO FOIA-84-591

Dear Ms. Cunningham:

This is in response to your letter of July 16, 1984, in which you requested, pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), copies of all Office of Investigations documents pertaining to the Grand Gulf Nuclear Power Plant project in Mississippi.

For your information, while conducting investigations, NRC became aware of certain information which warranted attention by the Department of Justice (DOJ). These matters have been referred to DOJ for appropriate action. DOJ requests that the entire Office of Investigations files be withheld pursuant to Exemption (7)(A) of the FOIA (5 U.S.C. 552(b)(7)(A)) and 10 CFR 9.5(a)(7)(i) of the Commission's regulations, because release of these documents would interfere with an ongoing Grand Jury investigation.

Pursuant to 10 CFR 9.15 of the Commission's regulations, it has been determined that the information withheld is exempt from production or disclosure and that its production or disclosure is contrary to the public interest. The person responsible for this denial is Mr. Ben B. Hayes, Director, Office of Investigations.

This denial may be appealed to the Commission within 30 days from the receipt of this letter. Any such appeal must be in writing, addressed to the Secretary of the Commission, U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555, and should clearly state on the envelope and in the letter that it is an "Appeal from an Initial FOIA Decision."

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J. M. Felton".

J. M. Felton, Director
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