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MEMORANDUM FOR: File

FROM:

Arthur Schnebelen, Special Assistant for Policy and Special Projects Office of Inspector and Auditor

SUBJECT:

THOMAS APPLEGATE

Received a telephone call from Thomas W. Applegate (alleger regarding unsafe and illegal acts at the Zimmer Nuclear Power Plant) on March 2, 1981. Applegate stated he had been slandered by Keppler (James G. Keppler, Director, Region III, IE, NRC) since Keppler had called his (Applegate's) attorney (Thomas Devine) and falsely accused him of posing as an undercover investigator for NRC on two different occasions.

Applegate further stated that he had never posed as an NRC investigator and that unless Keppler stopped these false accusations he would be forced to take other action. He did not elaborate as to what other action he would take.

I thanked Applegate for the information and terminated the call.