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MEMORANDUM FOR: File

FROM: *AS* Arthur Schnebelen, Special Assistant
for Policy and Special Projects
Office of Inspector and Auditor

SUBJECT: THOMAS APPLGATE

I called Bert A. Davis, Deputy Director, Region III, Office of Inspection and Enforcement, NRC, on March 2, 1981, and advised him I had received a telephone call from Thomas Applegate regarding Applegate's concern about James Keppler accusing Applegate of posing as an undercover NRC investigator. Davis advised that Applegate has also contacted him about the same matter.

Davis then advised that Keppler had received a telephone call from the Resident Inspector (Daniels) at Zimmer. Daniels advised Keppler that he had received a phone call from a Chief of Security at Zimmer that one of the security guards had been contacted by Applegate and that Applegate had identified himself as an undercover investigator for NRC. The security guard further advised the Chief of Security that he would sign a statement as to this incident.

Davis further advised that several Region III inspectors were returning to Region III via the limousine from the airport when the driver of the limousine indicated he had just dropped off an NRC consultant at the airport. The NRC inspectors were curious as to who the consultant was then proceeded to question the driver. After a period of time the driver then recalled the name of the consultant as Tom Applegate. The limo driver further stated that Applegate told him that he (Applegate) was going to shut down a nuclear power plant.

Davis stated that after hearing about these two instances involving Applegate posing as an investigator and a consultant Keppler then called Thomas Devine, Applegate's lawyer, and advised him of Applegate's activities as reported by two different sources.

Davis stated he would keep OIA advised on this matter.

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