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Memorandum

TO : Files

DATE: January 12, 1967

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SUBJECT: NSP - MONTICELLO -- ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON SITE ASSEMBLY OF REACTOR
PRESSURE VESSELS - DOCKET NO. 50-263

Included in our letter requesting additional information on the Monticello reactor we requested that a history of operating experience of site-assembled pressure vessels be submitted for our review. This request was initiated by Dr. Okrent of the ACRS.

Al Ward of Northern States Power called on January 11 to indicate that they were having difficulty gathering such information on the assumption that such information would be made public. Apparently the owners of such vessels are reluctant to make such information publically available. He asked if such information could be submitted informally.

I noted that the information was formally requested, was in any event required in writing, and consequently should be formally filed. I did suggest that NSP consider filing the information and requesting that it be withheld from public inspection in accordance with the Commission's regulations. Mr. Ward said he would consider this and let me know.

I told Mr. Ward that we were trying hard to make the February ACRS meeting on site assembly, and that we had just received a report from Parameter (our consultant). However, I noted that this information on operating experience would have to be available for review well in advance of the February meeting to meet staff and Committee requirements. Based on these considerations I am unable to guarantee that the site assembly problem will make the February meeting.

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