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MEMORANDUM FOR: Ben Hayes, Director
Office of Investigations

FROM: James J. Cummings, Director
Office of Inspector and Auditor

SUBJECT: CATAWBA NUCLEAR POWER STATION; GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTABILITY
PROJECT (GAP) ALLEGATIONS

On September 8, 1983, Deputy Director, Office of Investigations (OI) advised Patrick McKenna Jr., OIA, of a telephone conversation he had with Ms. Billie Pirner Garde, GAP, Institute for Policy Studies. Fortuna related information discussed during his conversation with Ms. Garde who described a situation at the Catawba Nuclear Power Station (CNPS) wherein the NRC Senior Resident Inspector (SRI) allegedly notified Duke Power and Light Co. (Duke; licensee) of information which had been related confidentially. Garde described that this reported violation of confidentiality surfaced during recent hearings which were held in the vicinity of CNPS. The subject matter of the information reportedly provided to the SRI concerned QA/QC welding concerns and/or possibly related instances of harassment/intimidation.

On September 14, 1983, McKenna spoke with Garde who advised that she was preparing a lengthy communication to the NRC (with numerous other individuals/entities listed as addressees); Garde stated she anticipated mailing the letter that date and related that both OIA and OI would be included in distribution. This information provided by GAP will reportedly include numerous allegations concerning various incidents which may fall within the purview of both of our offices. Further, Ms. Garde described that her letter will request, inter alia, close review of the OIA efforts by the NRC Commissioners and similar close scrutiny of OI efforts by the EDO. //

Regarding the initial information briefly stated from Garde to Fortuna and subsequently provided to McKenna, the described deposition is believed to have been obtained during Palmetto Alliance (local South Carolina intervenor group) hearings which were held during late May-early June 1983. The individual described by Garde as being responsible for divulging the identity of the Duke employees is believed to be George Maxwell, who has been reassigned and is currently the SRI at the Shearon Harris Facility.

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