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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

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**CONSENT CALENDAR ITEM**

For: The Commissioners

From: Raymond J. Brady, Director  
Division of Security  
Office of Administration

Thru: Executive Director for Operations *[Signature]*

Subject: APPROVAL UNDER SECTION 145b. OF THE ATOMIC ENERGY ACT OF 1954, AS AMENDED, FOR THE EMPLOYMENT OF ROBERT GOLDSMITH

Issue: The Director, Office of Standards Development (SD), has requested Commission approval to employ Dr. Robert Goldsmith as an Epidemiologist, SD, before his security investigation is completed and evaluated. Enclosure 1 is Dr. Goldsmith's Personal Qualifications Statement.

Discussion: The Director, SD, has certified that unless Dr. Goldsmith is employed by NRC prior to completion of the normal authorization procedures, serious delay will occur in the conduct of preliminary planning and design studies for epidemiological research on the health effects of low-level ionizing radiation which Congress has directed NRC to accomplish (see Enclosure 2).

Although SD indicates in Enclosure 2 that the request for Commission approval of Dr. Goldsmith's employment under Section 145b. should be combined with that of a Dr. Winfred F. Malone, the latter's delay in formally accepting the NRC employment offer has now caused SD to move ahead separately on Commission approval for Dr. Goldsmith's appointment.

The Personnel Security forms of Dr. Goldsmith have been favorably reviewed. Also, the Federal Bureau of Investigation advised that name checks on Dr. Goldsmith revealed no derogatory information. Similarly, preemployment checks conducted by the Division of Organization and Personnel on Dr. Goldsmith revealed no derogatory information. The Civil Service Commission, which is

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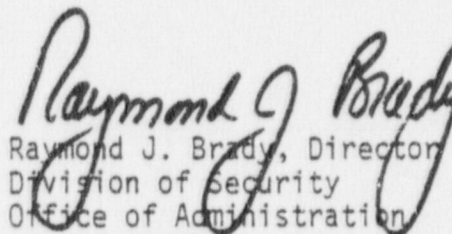
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Discussion: currently conducting the required investigation, advised  
(Continued) that a check of their Security Investigations Index  
revealed no record on Dr. Goldsmith.

Recommendation: The Commission:

1. Determine pursuant to Section 145b. of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended, that the employment by NRC of Dr. Goldsmith is clearly consistent with the national interest.
2. Determine that Dr. Goldsmith be precluded through administrative procedures from having access to National Security Information pending completion of the investigation currently being conducted and a favorable determination as to his eligibility for an "L" security clearance.

Coordination: The Office of Standards Development concurs in and the Executive Legal Director, the Division of Organization and Personnel, and the Division of Security have no objection to the recommendations contained in this paper.

  
Raymond J. Brady, Director  
Division of Security  
Office of Administration

Enclosures:

1. Personal Qualifications Statement  
for Robert Goldsmith
2. Memo 11/2/78, Robert B. Minogue  
to Raymond J. Brady



Commissioners' comments or consent should be provided directly to the Office of the Secretary by close of business Friday, November 24, 1978.

Commission Staff Office comments, if any, should be submitted to the Commissioners NLT November 21, 1978, with an information copy to the Office of the Secretary. If the matter is of such a nature that it requires additional time for analytical review and comment, the Commissioners and the Secretariat should be apprised of when comments may be expected.

This paper is tentatively scheduled for affirmation at an Open Meeting during the Week of November 27, 1978. Please refer to the appropriate Weekly Commission Schedule, when published, for a specific date and time.

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