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Mr. Bob Bland  
Arkansas Peace Center  
217 West 8th Street  
Little Rock, Arkansas 72201

Dear Mr. Bland:

This is in response to your letter to me dated May 16, 1986, in which, among other things, you expressed concerns about the conduct of a member of my staff, Mark Emerson.

Mr. Emerson discussed with me on May 16, 1986, his telephone conversation with you the day before. Based on that discussion as well as subsequent ones that I have had with Mr. Emerson, I have found no reason to question his professionalism. For your information, Mr. Emerson had prepared a summary of his conversation with you dated May 15, 1986 (copy attached), prior to my receipt of your letter.

In your letter, you said that Mr. James Wright, business agent for the electrical union at ANO, had informed you that allegations or "complaints" had been transmitted to "Mr. Emerson's office in the field in Arkansas, and no action had been taken." However, the only office maintained by the NRC in Arkansas is the Resident Inspector's Office at ANO and they have informed us that no such allegations or complaints have been made. This office will attempt to discuss these matters further, directly with Mr. Wright.

Because of your reluctance to provide this agency with the identities of these former workers or to discuss their allegations or complaints in even the most general manner, I wrote you on May 16, 1986, soliciting such information in a timely manner and assured you of our commitment to the public health and safety through the proper exercise of our responsibilities. Once again, I urge you and your colleagues to provide us with the specifics of the matters you have only generally raised.

Sincerely,

ROBERT D. MARTIN

Robert D. Martin  
Regional Administrator

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