

UNITED STATES
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

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MAY 15 1986

MEMORANDUM FOR: Robert D. Martin, Regional Administrator
FROM: Mark Emerson, Allegations Coordinator
SUBJECT: TELEPHONE CONVERSATION WITH BOB BLAND OF
ARKANSAS PEACE CENTER

On May 14, 1986, Bob Bland, Arkansas Peace Center, was contacted regarding his previous reference to Gary Sanborn regarding his (Bland's) possession of alleged depositions. Bland stated he was compiling a "chronology of reportable ANO occurrences." Bland stated that a valve that failed at Three Mile Island was considered non-reportable by the NRC. Bland stated that his coalition was undertaking a massive effort to evaluate whether certain non-reportable items should be considered safety-related and thereby reportable. Bland did not provide any further specifics regarding this subject.

Bland said that the ANO Unions (NFI) had contacted the Arkansas Peace Center regarding their safety concerns about ANO. Bland said that his organization was in the process of interviewing approximately 12 ANO employees (NFI) regarding their concerns and allegations. Bland stated that the interviews revealed that "so many leaks have occurred within high pressure steam tubes within the turbine building that the turbine deck is radioactive and should not be." Bland also stated that workers were now required to wear protective clothing within the turbine building. Bland questioned why NRC inspectors had not been sensitive to this "violation."

Bland also stated that he had received information from various employees at ANO that excessive radiation exposures had occurred during the ANO shutdown period. Bland stated that he had organized a citizens hearing on May 24th to encourage other ANO employees to bring their concerns and allegations out in the open and evaluate the safety of the Arkansas Nuclear Facility. Bland did not identify any potential alleged by name.

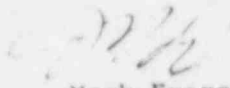
I advised Bland that I was anxious to receive any allegations regarding ANO, and further that I would expedite any appropriate inspection regarding these allegations. Bland stated that he was in contact with the Union of Concerned Scientists specifically a Mr. Pollard. Bland stated that Pollard had informed him that the NRC underplays the seriousness of items brought to it's attention. Bland also said that the Union of Concerned Scientists had been totally frustrated in dealing with the NRC. Bland acknowledged that his own confidence in the NRC was weak.

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I provided Rland my name, telephone number, and mailing address and again requested that he make these items available to anyone with concerns regarding ANO, and Rland responded that he would forward my identity and address to the unions for their evaluation.


Mark Emerson
Allegations Coordinator

cc: E. Johnson