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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chairman Palladino

FROM: William J. Dircks
Executive Director for Operations

(U) SUBJECT: RESPONSE TO LETTERS FROM CONGRESSMAN MARKEY ON SOUTH AFRICA

(U) Attached (Attachment 1) is a draft response to two letters from Congressman Markey inquiring about NRC knowledge of possible unauthorized activities by Americans in South Africa's nuclear power program (see Exhibit 1 of the enclosed EDO staff report for letters from Congressman Markey). [An earlier proposed response, which was forwarded in CR-85-13, has been redrafted in accordance with your memorandum of February 26 (Attachment 2). In addition, further information on this matter was provided, at Commission request, in SECY-85-69.]

(U) Attached as Enclosure 1 to the draft response to Congressman Markey in Attachment 1 is a memorandum from me to you forwarding the results of the EDO staff inquiry into the questions raised by Congressman Markey. We have not extended this inquiry to include the Commission's own staff and the ACRS, since we understood this was to be done separately at H Street in accordance with your memorandum of February 26. From Norman Haller's conversation of March 5 with Tom Rehm, I understand that the results of this inquiry will be attached separately at H Street as Enclosure 2 to your response to Congressman Markey.

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- (U) At an early date the staff will formally transmit to DOE the documents in Appendices A, B, and F in SECY-85-69 as well as any additional information we have at that time that could aid DOE in its review of this situation.

(Signed) William J. Dircks

William J. Dircks
Executive Director for Operations

Attachments:

1. Proposed Response to
Congressman Markey w/encls (C)
2. Memo from Chairman Palladino
to WJDircks dtd 2/26/85 (C)

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