



UNITED STATES  
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20555

February 28, 1984

Dear Mr. Greenspun:

Per your request to Mr. Roger Fortuna, please find enclosed herewith a copy of transmittal letter, dated October 26, 1983 to James P. O'Reilly, Regional Administrator, Region III and a copy of letter of referral sent to Larry Thompson, Department of Justice, dated November 14, 1983 relative to the Vogtle Nuclear Plant (2-83-005).

Sincerely,

*Jeanne Hunt*  
Jeanne Hunt  
Secretary

Enclosures:  
as stated

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# FACSIMILE TRANSMITTAL

DATE 3-23-84

U.S. NRC RII

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IMMEDIATELY ☒

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ATLANTA, GA.

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TO: John Sinclair DI:HQ  
(NAME)

East/West-West  
(LOCATION)

FROM: Len Williamson DI:RII

PAGES: TWO + TRANSMITTAL SHEET

PURPOSE: RII inspector provided copy of this to licensee

TELEPHONE

NO. 492-7142  
(TELECOPIER)

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Vanille C. L. 3/23/84  
(NAME) (DATE)

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# INVESTIGATION STATUS RECORD

INSTRUCTIONS: This form is to be completed whenever significant activity has occurred relative to a case or at least every 30 days. If no change has occurred during the 30 day reporting period, indicate "No Change" in the status block. Keep the original with the case file and send one copy to Headquarters, Office of Investigations.

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|------------------------|-------------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| NUMBER<br><br>2-83-005 | CATEGORY                            |                                |                          |                         | OFFICE<br><br>OI:RII Field Office |
|                        | <input type="checkbox"/>            | D - OPERATING REACTOR          | <input type="checkbox"/> | I - INDIVIDUAL LICENSEE |                                   |
|                        | <input type="checkbox"/>            | C - REACTOR UNDER CONSTRUCTION | <input type="checkbox"/> | M - MATERIALS/FUEL      |                                   |
|                        | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | V - VENDOR                     | <input type="checkbox"/> | X - OTHER               |                                   |

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| ASSIGNED TO<br><del>E. L. Williamson</del> <i>R. H. Burch</i> | SUBJECT<br>Alleged Intimidation of QC Inspectors and Possible Falsification of Inspection Records |
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STATUS (Specify date, and provide a brief description)

A QC Inspector supervisor, employed by Pullman Power Piping, a supplier and fabricator of nuclear grade piping at the Vogtle Nuclear Power Plant has alleged undue pressure from supervision to relocate an inspector onsite because he rejected too many welds. A second QC inspector employed by Pullman at the Vogtle site alleged intimidation by supervision; failure of Pullman craft to correct deficiency report and possible falsification of corrective action documents by a Pullman QC Supervisor. EDC 11/15/83.

6/6/84 Field work in progress.

7/5/83 Additional field work to be completed and draft report in write-up.

8/1/83 Draft in review at OI:RII. To be sent to OI:HQ by 8/5/83

9/6/83 Draft report in HQ for review.

10/3/83 No Change

11/7/83 Case Closed. Final report issued.

## CASE CHRONOLOGY

| FILE NUMBER | DATE OPENED                                                                                                                                               | OPENED BY |
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| 2-83-005    | 5/19/83                                                                                                                                                   | Burch     |
| DATE        | ACTIVITY                                                                                                                                                  |           |
| 4-6-83      | Chronology for Inquiries Q2-83-113 and Q2-83-026<br>Williamson advised by DPRP of report by Sanders, SRI<br>of intimidation/harassment                    |           |
| 4-7         | Williamson + others in DPRP contacted Sanders                                                                                                             |           |
| 4-10        | " contacted Herschel Smith, Pullman QC Supv.                                                                                                              |           |
| 4-11        | " briefed Alderson re PPP & Vogtle                                                                                                                        |           |
| 5-13        | Briefing in Lewis' office regarding situation @<br>Vogtle - Sanders briefed Burch present                                                                 |           |
| 5-16        | Discussion w/ JPO, RA re Vogtle intim./harass.                                                                                                            |           |
| 5-16        | Confidential Source telcon w/ Burch re intim. @ Vogtle,<br>also material storage problems, defective work, records prob.                                  |           |
| 5-17        | JPO + Lewis staff briefed re Conf. Source<br>-to, JPO says go w/ invest.                                                                                  |           |
| 5-18        | meeting w/ JPO re Pullman Problems @ Vogtle                                                                                                               |           |
| 5-20        | " " " " " " " "                                                                                                                                           |           |
| 5-19        | rec'd letter requesting invest. from JPO<br>briefed Dick Herr by telcon re PPP invest. -<br>to gave green light to OI:RII - send copy of Report to OI:RII |           |
| 5-23        | Spoke w/ SRI @ Vogtle re PPP invest.                                                                                                                      |           |
| 5-23        | TELcon w/ Conf. Source re PPP                                                                                                                             |           |
| 5-26/27     | " " " " " "                                                                                                                                               |           |
| 5/27        | Spoke w/ Bomanke, DPRP re Vogtle + PPP                                                                                                                    |           |
| 5-31        | TELcon + interview w/ SRI @ VNP re PPP<br>he is getting info on QC personnel - Also int. Charles CONE                                                     |           |
| 6-1-83      | Interview w/ Sanders to get info on PPP<br>get <del>for</del> memo to file - info in memo is<br>incomplete, obtaining procedure documents, etc.           |           |
| 6-1         | TELcon And Interview w/ Steve George<br>TELcon w/ Jerry Archer                                                                                            |           |
| 6-2         | Interview of James Medina                                                                                                                                 |           |
| 6-2         | " " Jerry Archer                                                                                                                                          |           |

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| 6-3         | TELCON w/ Don LARKSO re PPP issues<br>also Interview w/ LARKSO re his perceptions<br>of intim/harass. of QC's @ VNP                                                                                                     |             |           |
| 6-3         | TELCON w/ Randy SLAMP, Attol's, the Area mng for<br>Hartford Steam Boiler - discussed necessity to interview the<br>2 ANI's @ Vogtle - he agreed in. but wanted be<br>present; told him not possible he said go ahead - |             |           |
| 6-7         | Briefed Lewis + staff re PPP disclosures<br>to date - advised of work needed to complete<br>investigation -                                                                                                             |             |           |
| 6-7         | TELCON w/ WARD, he suggested "premature" interview of<br>GRIFFIN and close case - WARD had to go to mtg -<br>CALLED WARD again he not return call                                                                       |             |           |
| 6-8         | CALLED BACI for guidance on Vogtle issue -<br>No guidance rec'd -<br>Williamson also spoke w/ BACI                                                                                                                      |             |           |
| 6-8         | Burk/Williamson agreed on plan to complete<br>PPP case @ Vogtle                                                                                                                                                         |             |           |
| 6-8         | Again briefed Lewis + staff (Donne, Braumlee<br>Fonciere) + JPO                                                                                                                                                         |             |           |
| 6-9         | Burk in Braumlee's office when Braumlee spoke w/<br>GPC (FOSTER + NICKERSON) asked for assist in<br>making PPP personnel and records avail -<br>they agreed - no questions asked                                        |             |           |
| 6-13        | Contact w/ Mike George, Robert MUMFORD and Bill NICKERSON @<br>SAE office to arrange for PPP personnel and records<br>needed during investigation.                                                                      |             |           |
| 6-13        | Interview of Richard HANNAN, PPP QC Welding Insp                                                                                                                                                                        |             |           |
| 6-13        | Interview of Curtis BAREE, ANI                                                                                                                                                                                          |             |           |

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| 6-14        | Interview of KEARSE re PPP @ Vostle intm; Horass of QPC's                                                                                                                               |             |           |
| "           | " " Young " " " " "                                                                                                                                                                     |             |           |
| "           | " " WHITAKER                                                                                                                                                                            |             |           |
| "           | " " ADKINSON                                                                                                                                                                            |             |           |
| 6-15        | " " Herschel Smith                                                                                                                                                                      |             |           |
| 6-15        | " " LOQUE re PPP issues                                                                                                                                                                 |             |           |
| 6-15        | Following welders/fitters interviewed to obtain any info re records problems/improprieties by QPC's:                                                                                    |             |           |
|             | WAGES, BREWER, CONNELLY, SPIRES                                                                                                                                                         |             |           |
| 6-15        | Interview of Charles BREWER, QPC re influencing assignments of QPC's                                                                                                                    |             |           |
| 6-16        | Interviewed Eddie WRIGHT re PPP issues, he provided a copy of Harrington resignation letter.                                                                                            |             |           |
| "           | Interview of Pete Ruyon - he provided copy of Carey's resignation letter, list of QPC's w/ salary increase recommendations - took shmt                                                  |             |           |
| 6-17        | Interview of ROBERTS, QPC w/ PPP - took shmt                                                                                                                                            |             |           |
| 6-17        | Interviewed QPC's PITTMAN, LAFONTAINE, WILBANKS, JENNINGS re: PPP issues                                                                                                                |             |           |
| 6-18        | Interviewed PPP welders/fitters re records issue as follows: NELSON, TUMBLIN, GUNTER, REID, PRUITT & HOOGE                                                                              |             |           |
| 6-18        | Interview of PENINGER re records/inspection issues took shmt - (these are all "c" shmt interviews on 6/18)                                                                              |             |           |
| 6-19        | In travel status                                                                                                                                                                        |             |           |
| 6-20        | Briefings all day w/ Bums, DANCE, ROGEE McQuire, Puckett - also briefed JPO on invest. disclosures to date - discussed above interviews - confirmed against contacts w/ QPC @ this time |             |           |

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| 6-20           | TELECON w/ Virgil CASEY in Santa Maria, CAL.<br>made plans for interview                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |                                                                     |
| 6-21           | Return to Vugle -<br>Interviewed Leonard Lewis re inspiration procedures                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |                                                                     |
| 6-21           | Reinterview of Herschel Smith re off-site<br>offercation -                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |                                                                     |
| 6-21           | Contact w/ Sanders, SRI re investigative<br>discussions to date - he had no further information<br>discussed contents of stmts taken to date                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |                                                                     |
| 6-22           | Interviews of PPP Management -<br>PUZO & FORD                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |                                                                     |
| 6-23           | Interview of GRIFFIN - re stmt<br>(declined)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |                                                                     |
| 6-24           | TELECON w/ Tony CERNE, SRI Seabrook<br>re location of PACMES - Said he<br>would find at                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |                                                                     |
| 6-24           | Contacted Virgil CASEY - made plans to<br>interview @ his MS on 7/5 & 7/6 & 7/7                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |                                                                     |
| 6-24           | Meeting w/ JAO Stoff, JAO briefed GPC, also briefed re Media @ Vugle<br>see memo 7/1 in file                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |                                                                     |
| 6-24           | No work on case during week of<br>6/27 - 7/1 while attending Simulata Course in<br>Chattanooga - dictated on tape 3 Results of<br>Interviews during this period -<br>next case activity occurred on 7/7/83<br>except for TELECON w/ CASEY 7/5<br>called from Chattanooga (w/ Tony Ctr) for<br>interview Appts w/ Harry Gregory & Robert McManis<br>of GPC - set up for 7/7 & 7/8 |                                                                     |
| 6-30           | TELECON w/ DANCE re full discussion of Vugle<br>w/ GPC - told them be general until I<br>had completed my interviews 7-6 briefed PACMES: NRC, EE                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |                                                                     |
| 7-1            |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | 7-1 Contact w/ H. Gregory re media<br>memo put in file<br>this date |
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| 7-7                                                                                                                                                         | Interview of Virgil Casey by TCCCon<br>re his employment for PPP @ Voghe and<br>intim/harass.                            |             |           |
| 7-7                                                                                                                                                         | Interview of Harry Gregory GPC<br>took stmt                                                                              |             |           |
| 7-8                                                                                                                                                         | Interviewed Robert McManus, GPC<br>took stmt<br>also interviewed GPC QC's<br>OSBORNE, BURKHARTEN, PYE, CHERRY<br>& INOUE |             |           |
| 7-9                                                                                                                                                         | Reviewed material storage in Unit 1<br>structures @ VNP -<br>found entire site                                           |             |           |
| 7-10                                                                                                                                                        | Travel from Norfolk to Raleigh                                                                                           |             |           |
| 7-12                                                                                                                                                        | Discussed case Tel. w/ Vorse                                                                                             |             |           |
| 7-14                                                                                                                                                        | Briefed JPO & staff on last interviews<br>w/ GPC -                                                                       |             |           |
| 7-15                                                                                                                                                        | TCCCon w/ Tony Cerne, SRI re Ben Palmer                                                                                  |             |           |
| 7-18 thru<br>7-29                                                                                                                                           | Writing rpt of investigation -                                                                                           |             |           |
| 7-29                                                                                                                                                        | Herschel Smith called re remarks by<br>Const Spt at PPP, VNP                                                             |             |           |
| 8-3                                                                                                                                                         | TCCCon w/ Sanders, SRI @ VNP                                                                                             |             |           |
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6/24

JPO Briefed re Contents of memo -

JPO advised OI should put memo in file

& return as official acknowledgment of the incident

7/1 - Copies to JPO, McGuire  
in RII

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4-30-84

TELCon w/ Mike Puckett

re CP package -

RII is now working on a CP package  
for Vogtle -

They (RII) are evaluating all report &  
the concerns listed therein -

decision will be forthcoming -

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