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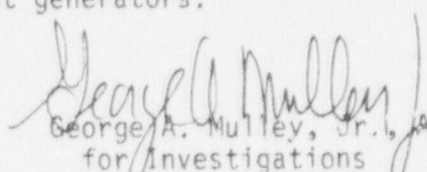
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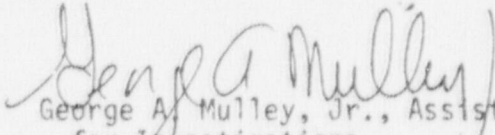
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Report of Interview

OIA CS 5-2 was interviewed telephonically regarding his confidentiality agreement with DRISKILL. He stated essentially as follows:

He was employed by Brown and Root, Inc., as a Quality Control (QC) Inspector at the Comanche Peak Steam Electric Station (CPSES) from [redacted] met DRISKILL around [redacted] and had approximately five or six conversations with him between [redacted] and [redacted] when he terminated. He did sign a confidentiality agreement relative to the information he provided. The information he provided was of a highly technical nature and in his opinion the information reflected directly on the safety of the CPSES and the employees and general public living near the facility. Subsequent to the time he started providing information to DRISKILL he noticed an increased amount of pressure being placed on [redacted] and [redacted] Evert MOUSER by employees of the licensee. [redacted] also observed that the licensee was paying increased attention to the problem areas [redacted] discussed with DRISKILL. MOUSER and he were the primary QC inspectors in those areas. [redacted] feels that although the pressure being placed on him increased after [redacted] started providing information to DRISKILL, there was never any reason [redacted] to believe [redacted] confidentiality had been compromised, and [redacted] ever confronted by anyone accusing him of supplying information to the NRC. [redacted] has no reason to question the trust he placed in DRISKILL.

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Investigation on May 13, 1985 at Bethesda, Md.

File # 85-29

by Charles R. Kraus, Investigator, OIA CRK Date dictated May 14, 1985

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CASE SUMMARY

TITLE: Comanche Peak (D. Driskill disclosed  
confidential info)

File No.: Inc 85-11  
Date Opened: 1/16/85  
Investigator: G. Mulley  
4/1/85 C. Kious

NRC REGION:  
SITE: Comanche Peak

Inspection: \_\_\_\_\_  
Investigation: \_\_\_\_\_  
(criminal-integrity-EEO-other)  
Review: \_\_\_\_\_

LICENSEE:

CONTRACTOR:

ALLEGATION: During a January 5, 1985, deposition of Mr. Evert Mouser, a former OC inspector at Comanche Peak, he alleged that Mr. Donald Driskill, OI Investigator, improperly disclosed confidential information to the Applicants.

DATES:

SIGNIFICANT DEVELOPMENTS

1/10/85 Memo from Scinto to Hayes, subject above.  
1/16/85 Assigned to George Mulley.  
1/28/85 Reviewed memo and attached testimony of Mouser. Information alleges that Driskill provided confidential information to the applicant. There is no indication that Driskill violated the confidentiality of any confidential source. Because NRC policy is to protect the identity of the source of information and not the information itself, there is nothing to indicate that Driskill's actions were improper. Consequently, there is no basis for an OIA investigation. Prepared memo to Deputy Director recommending this matter be closed in the files of this office.

4/11/85 - Memo - Return of Driskill's  
4/29/85 - Interview Driskill  
4/30/85 - Interview Mouser  
4/30 - 5/13 - A Memo to [REDACTED]  
5/13 - [REDACTED]  
5/16 - Draft Typed

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