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April 8, 1996

Note To: Chairman Jackson

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Subject: Meeting with Paul Blanch (4/9/96)

BACKGROUND:

- Previous visit - October 24, 1995 - cancelled. TAB C has briefing notes prepared for that meeting.
- TAB B has more extensive notes on the Whistleblower paper.
- TAB A has significant correspondence in the last 5 months.
- Notes: 1) On the evening of April 8, a public meeting (was) held at Millstone to discuss 10 CFR 2.206 issues.
2) Mr. Blanch is attending the Reg. Info. Conf.

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A LETTER WAS SIGNED OUT TO MR. BLANCH, DATED 7/4, THAT REFERRED TO HIS FAX OF 3/1. YOUR PRESS CONFERENCE TRANSCRIPT WAS ATTACHED TO NRC REPLY.

Mr. Blanch's Suggested Discussion Topics (from his 3/3/96 letter):

Regulatory Non-compliance

- Mr. Blanch stated in his 12/26/95 letter that Northeast Utilities problems (and other whistleblower problems) are the direct result of the NRC's failure to enforce regulations.
- His 3/3/96 letter reiterates again his feeling that "every" MOV should be verified to satisfy acceptance that safety systems are capable of performing their functions. He also desires to know if certain operability determinations have been completed at "every" plant regarding instrumentation questions (condensing pots).

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NRC's Whistleblower Protection Policy SEE TAB B

- Mr. Blanch's 4/30/95 letter, sent on behalf of the National Nuclear Safety Network, concludes that if NRC would enforce the regulations - the number of H&I allegations would decrease significantly. This letter submitted comments on the Draft Policy Statement - Freedom of Employees in the Nuclear Industry to Raise Safety Concerns Without Fear of Retaliation. Their conclusion was that a policy statement is not necessary; rather, a change is required in the will of the NRC to enforce present regulations.
- The policy statement was faxed to Mr. Blanch.

Analysis: The staff believes that the policy statement and other improvements in the agency's response to allegations are of value. The staff strives for consistent application of enforcement, commensurate with safety significance.

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He also finds it illogical (as stated in the TIME article) that there is no "provision for rereview" after licensing.

- In the staff's 9/28/95 response to him on this issue, we stated that "the NRC staff does use the guidelines of Part 100 as acceptance criteria in evaluating issues that may affect design basis accident dose consequences at operating reactors."

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Note: Following are several pages with highlighted information specifically on his Part 100 issue.

CHAIRMAN JACKSON'S SCHEDULE

Tuesday - April 9, 1996

8:30AM Depart via NRC car

9:30AM 9:15AM Opening Speech at the Regulatory Information
Conference - Capital Hilton, 1001 16th Street, N.W.
Presidential Ballroom
(Contact: Anna May Haycraft, 415-3075)

10:15AM 9:45AM Meet with Anitti Vuorinen, Chairman of
Finland's Nuclear Safety Inspectorate, at the Capital
Hilton - Agreement with Finland will be signed
during the meeting

12:30AM 12:15PM Meeting with Paul Blanch [REDACTED] EX 6

1:00PM 2:30PM Chairman's Morning Meeting

2:00PM 3:30PM Commissioner Rogers

NOTES: (GJD-Travel)

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