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April 11, 1978

Mr. Elmer B. Staats
Comptroller General of the
United States
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Washington, D.C. 20548

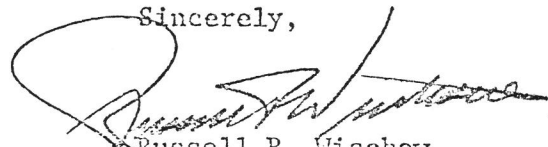
Dear Mr. Staats:

Pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. 552, you are obligated to respond within 10 days to requests for access to information.

Please note that the attached letter which was sent to you on March 10, 1978 has not been answered; I have patiently waited for one month for your answer.

Unless the time limit in the Act has been changed, I would appreciate the courtesy of a response as stipulated in the Act.

Sincerely,



Russell P. Wischow
6 Wilkins Court
Tiburon, CA 94920

cc: Representative John E. Moss
Senate Office Building, Room 2354
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dr. Joseph Hendrie, Chairman
Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington, D.C. 20555

Mr. James E. Schlesinger
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Attachment

4-11-78

March 10, 1978

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Dear Mr. Staats:

Under the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C.552, I am requesting access to information concerning the following:

Mr. Clifton Fowler of your office called me on December 2 and 9, 1977, and stated that Congressman Dingell (Michigan) was chairman of a committee involved in reviewing the apparent MUF of highly enriched uranium at the NUMEC company several years ago (about 1965). Mr. Fowler stated that he had a document that recorded or otherwise implied that I had knowledge of an involvement by the Joint Committee of Atomic Energy in which the JCAE tried to make a "penetration in a clandestine manner" of the NUMEC company to determine if the NUMEC management was involved in a diversion of special nuclear material to Israel.

Mr. Fowler further stated that a former Atomic Energy Commission employee (presumably now with the Nuclear Regulatory Commission) had told Mr. Fowler that I had knowledge of the above-stated JCAE involvement. Mr. Fowler declined to give me the name of the individual who made such charges against me and refused to provide me with the document or sections thereof to permit me to review the purported charges.

Mr. Fowler expanded his comments during the discussion on December 9, 1977, and said that the document was a classified transcript of a conversation with a person who said he knew me when I was Director of the Division of Nuclear Materials Safeguards during the period from September 1967 through about mid-April 1970. The unidentified person was quoted by Mr. Fowler to have said that I stated "...the JCAE had a deeper involvement than what meets the eye...". Mr. Fowler implied in my discussions with him that there was more information and specific references to my supposed conversations in the "classified transcript".

I advised Mr. Fowler that I was planning to follow up this charge under the Freedom of Information Act and determine who made the accusation and the details associated therewith.

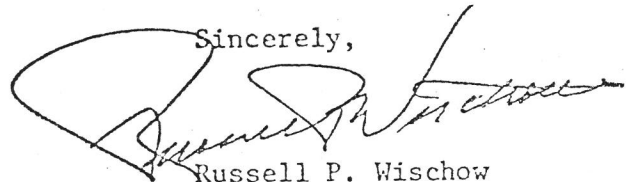
I hereby request that all information relating to the situation described herein be provided to me including the name, address, and telephone number of the person who has accused me of making the statement concerning the alleged involvement of the JCAE with NUMEC. I wish to have the record corrected to show that I had no knowledge of this involvement and, furthermore, I hereby request a formal apology from the "unidentified person" who accused me of having made this statement.

If there are any fees for searching for, or copying, the records I have requested, please inform me before you fill this request if the fees exceed \$25.00. As you know, the Act permits you to reduce or waive the fees when the release of information is considered as "primarily benefiting the public". I believe that this request fits this category and I, therefore, ask that you waive any fees.

If all or any part of this request is denied, please cite the exemptions you think justify your refusal to release this information and inform me of the appeal procedures available to me under the law.

I would appreciate your handling this request as quickly as possible, and I expect to hear from you within ten days as stipulated in the Act.

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