



UNITED STATES  
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION  
ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON REACTOR SAFEGUARDS  
WASHINGTON D. C. 20555

December 10, 1979

Honorable John F. Ahearne  
Chairman  
U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission  
Washington, DC 20555

Subject: RECOMMENDATIONS OF PRESIDENT'S COMMISSION REGARDING ACRS  
ACTIVITIES

Dear Dr. Ahearne:

In response to Mr. Chilk's letter of November 9, 1979 requesting that the ACRS provide the Commission with its views and analysis of the role of the ACRS as contained in the recommendation of the President's Commission, we have the following comments.

The ACRS agrees that its role should be strengthened. The Committee also agrees that it is important to maintain its independence. The Committee believes however that measures taken to strengthen its role should not jeopardize that independence.

Although the Committee agrees with the intent of certain recommendations of the President's Commission which are meant to strengthen its role, it is not ready to endorse these recommendations until it has had the opportunity to study alternatives which might be more appropriate and effective.

The ACRS will give this matter early attention so that its views can be formulated promptly.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Max W. Carbon". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized "M" and "C".

Max W. Carbon  
Chairman