

ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON REACTOR SAFEGUARDS

NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D. C. 20555

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Honorable William A. Anders
Chairman
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington, D.C. 20555

SUBJECT: REPORT ON INDUSTRIAL SABOTAGE

Dear Mr. Anders:

The NRC Staff has taken steps to reduce the possibility of industrial sabotage at nuclear power plants, particularly with regard to control of unauthorized access, although detailed criteria have not yet been developed and a considerable variation exists among plants currently proposed for construction permits. The Office of Regulatory Research has also funded useful studies concerning possible modes of sabotage by individuals or groups external to the operating organization. Some recommendations regarding possible design changes resulted from these studies.

The ACRS has recommended in several project reports that deliberate attention be given to aspects of design that could improve plant security. The Committee believes that, at this time when emphasis is being placed on standardized plant designs, increased attention should be given to design measures which would further protect against industrial sabotage or mitigate the consequences thereof. The ACRS would be willing to cooperate actively with any special NRC-sponsored working group in order to accelerate achievement of these objectives.

Sincerely yours,



W. Kerr
Chairman