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UNITED STATES
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20555

April 7, 1989

MEMORANDUM FOR: Victor Stello, Jr., Executive Director
for Operations

FROM: Samuel J. Chilk, Secretary

SUBJECT: STAFF REQUIREMENTS - SECY-89-061 - POWER
REACTOR CONTINGENCY PLANNING FOR A POSSIBLE
LAND VEHICLE BOMB IN THE EVENT SUCH A
THREAT ARISES

This is to advise you that the Commission, with Chairman Zech and Commissioners Roberts, Rogers, and Curtiss agreeing, has approved, with the following provisions, your recommendation to issue a generic letter to power reactor licensees and applicants relating to safeguards contingency planning for surface vehicle bombs:

1. Reference to inspection by NRC staff should be changed to verification.
2. A copy of NUREG/CR-5246 should be provided to the licensees/applicants for their information and use, as they see appropriate.
(EDO) (SECY SUSPENSE: 5/15/89)

(Commissioners Roberts and Carr did not agree to send as guidance NUREG/CR-5246 because it goes far beyond the "prudent look" the Commission intended. Commissioner Rogers preferred that the staff review and approve any licensee contingency plans and procedures voluntarily developed from the NUREG/CR guidance, as well as to require licensees only to codify the process by which their plans and procedures would be established for both land and water borne vehicle bombs, should a future design basis threat require rapid development and implementation of contingency plans.)

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Commissioner Carr disapproved SECY-89-061. He believes that the

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NRC should not impose a requirement for power reactor licensees to develop contingency plans for a possible land vehicle bomb absent any justification to revise NRC's design basis threat for power reactors.

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Chairman Zech

Commissioner Roberts

Commissioner Carr

Commissioner Rogers

Commissioner Curtiss

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