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Dear Bill:

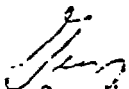
Enclosed is a copy of a memo I received from a Rockwell attorney which I think you might find interesting. (I hasten to point out that I have no official interest in this matter.)

The concern that I want to bring to your attention arises out of the language in the last paragraph on page 4 and the top of page 5. It appears to me that by insisting upon attendance at "licensing strategy" meetings for the reasons stated, Mr. Cook is creating an appearance that NRC and DOE are partners in the licensing process. While I am sure that his motivation is to ensure that he has access to all relevant information, there is the danger that an appearance will be created that NRC and the license applicant are reaching deals behind closed doors at meetings where the public is excluded. In short, the approach being advocated is exactly the opposite of the open meeting policy followed on the reactor licensing side of the house.

Also enclosed, simply as background, is a DOE memo regarding the procedural agreement between NRC and DOE with regard to the NRC onsite representative.

Best regards.

Sincerely,


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