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Mr. John F. Gurney  
 Legislative Director  
 Joint Committee on Atomic Energy  
 Congress of the United States

Dear Mr. Gurney:

Attached for the information of the Joint Committee is a  
 statement to inquiry concerning the appointment of a technical  
 review committee to review information being developed by  
 the Regulatory Staff concerning the nuclear accident  
 incident at British Nuclear Corporation's plant at Dungeness  
 Boreham, Kent, England.

We plan to use the response to conduct more media inquiries  
 on the status of our work to determine the facts about the  
 accident.

Sincerely,

(signed) Harold L. Price

Harold L. Price  
 Director of Legislation

cc: General Counsel  
 Department of Energy  
 Department of Inquiry

cc: H. L. Price  
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## **NUCLEAR SAFETY**

In keeping with the Commission's established procedure, the Director of Regulation has appointed a technical review committee to review and evaluate information being gathered by the AEC Regulatory Staff concerning the nuclear criticality accident July 26 at Idaho Nuclear Corporation's plant in Idaho Falls.

The committee will review all information, decide whether additional information should be gathered, and review and comment on information developed with respect to such matters as the nature of the incident, the cause or causes, and actions to be considered in order to eliminate or prevent similar incidents. The reports will be confidential.

Dr. Herbert Mark, of the Reactor Physics Division of Brookhaven National Laboratory, will be chairman of the committee. Dr. Mark also is Chairman of the Commission's Advisory Committee on Nuclear Safeguards.

Other members of the committee are Dr. Hugh G. Stulen, group leader at the Los Alamos Scientific Laboratory; Dr. Marvin H. Shaw, AEC Assistant Director of Regulation for Nuclear Safety; Dr. Richard L. Rose, Director of the Commission's Division of Nuclear Licensing; Dr. Warren E. Wentz, Chairman of the Nuclear Engineering Department at Brookhaven National Laboratory; and Dr. Vernon C. Eiffe, Director of the Nuclear Technical Division of the AEC State Operations Office.