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Dear Chairman Palladino:

During the June 20 Oversight and Investigations Subcommittee hearing on the Commission's investigative practices, I asked whether Region V and the Washington Public Power Supply System had been involved in any of the matters before the Subcommittee. Executive Director of Operations William Dircks answered that, in addition to the Narbuts case, Region V administrator John B. Martin had recently sent a Construction Assessment Team (CAT) to one or more of the WPPSS construction sites.

I would like to ask you a number of questions about this action. What is a CAT and what are its functions? Which of the five WPPSS projects has a CAT assigned to it? When were the assignments made and how long will they stay? Does assignment of a team mean that corrective action is being taken by NRC?

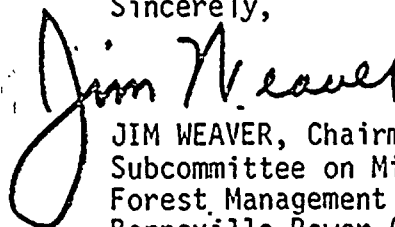
What problem or problems led Mr. Martin to send a team to the WPPSS projects? Were there any violations of NRC procedures, rules, or regulations involved? Were any notices of inspection, investigation, or violation drafted and/or issued and sent to WPPSS management because of the problems?

Was there any public notice of this action? Was there any opportunity for public comment?

Will this matter affect in any way the scheduled loading of fuel at WNP-2 or the issuance of its operating license?

Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter. I would appreciate a response from you by July 6, 1983.

Sincerely,


JIM WEAVER, Chairman
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Forest Management and
Bonneville Power Administration

