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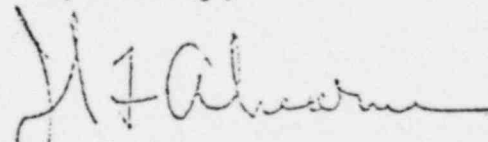
Admiral Hyman G. Rickover, USN
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Naval Sea Systems Command
Washington, D. C. 20362

Dear Admiral Rickover:

During the NRC discussions on the Three Mile Island investigations and on reactor operators, I have referred to you and to the Navy. Attached are, I believe, the references that have appeared in the press. In addition, the complete transcripts of the appropriate days are also attached.

As was clear in the reactor operator meeting, I currently believe the use of simulators would be useful for training operators in accident sequences. Absent additional information, I will be pushing for that training. Since your program is obviously successful, does not use simulators for accident training, and involves similar equipment to that in our plants, I would appreciate any information that can be provided concerning proper methods of choosing and training operators to handle accidents.

Respectfully,



John F. Ahearne
Commissioner

Attachments

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