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Joseph J. Fouchar Asst. Dir. DPI, C-457	Per your conversation this afternoon this is the Nader			
	material which we have supplied to the Chairman's office			
	for possible use at his appearance before the National			
PHONE NO.	DATE	press club on Monday.		
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QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS ON NADER LETTER

Q. Would you comment on Ralph Nader's letter to you concerning the dangers of military or civilian aircraft flights near nuclear power plants?

A. We do take this into account in our licensing process. In reviewing applications to construct and operate nuclear power plants, our Regulatory Staff evaluates potential hazards presented by air traffic from airports in close proximity to a proposed nuclear power plant site.

In the Shoreham case which Mr. Nader mentioned, our staff has concluded that the site is sufficiently far away from the Calverton airport on Long Island that the plant need not be designed or operated with special provisions to protect against the effects of a crash. Since that case is in the AEC hearing process, it would not be appropriate for me to discuss the merits.

Our staff has had under development for some time explicit criteria concerning the design and location of nuclear power plants in relation to nearby airports. When they are completed, we will follow our usual procedures and publish them for public comment. During this proceeding consideration will be given to a public hearing on the matter, as Mr. Nader requested.

Mr. Nader also mentioned the recent crash of an Air Force plane in Lake Michigan near the Big Rock Point plant. The Air Force has advised us that these flights over the Big Rock Point plant have been suspended and when the flights are resumed they will not be in close proximity to the plant.

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The AEC Regulatory Staff has met with DOD representatives to discuss low-level military flights and is in the process of exchanging information on nuclear power plant location, low-level flight paths, and crash statistics. We believe that a program can be developed, consistent with military requirements, that will avoid low-level flights near these plants.