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MEMORANDUM FOR: John G. Davis, Director  
Office of Nuclear Material  
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FROM: Robert E. Browning, Director  
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SUBJECT: MEETING WITH DOE "BLUE RIBBON" COMMITTEE

Attached as requested in your January 30, 1984, memo is a proposed outline for a presentation to the Committee at its February 22, 1984, meeting.

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FORMAT FOR NRC BRIEFING  
OF DOE "BLUE RIBBON" COMMITTEE

In addition to providing basic information regarding NRC's responsibilities in the National high-level waste management program, the presentations should implicitly convey the following messages which go directly to the kinds of concerns that have been voiced:

- (a) Regulations which set the overall technical performance requirements for the program are virtually complete, and they are reasonable. (NRC regs and EPA std's.)
- (b) a regulatory process is in place within which DOE can reasonably plan, schedule and cost out their program; and
- (c) the repository experience will not be like the reactor experience where estimated costs have been low by a factor of ten and project completion (e.g., \$4+ billion instead of \$330 million for Diablo Canyon), schedules have been low by a factor of two or more provided DOE takes needed steps. HLW licensing process is fundamentally different than that which was followed for reactors.

PRESENTATIONS:

1. Davis - Introduction (10-15 minutes)  
Sets stage for more detailed talks which follow. Establishes following points: (1) need for NRC in National program from public policy perspective; (2) what are NRC's regulatory responsibilities; (3) what are the statutory bases; and (4) at a very broad level, the hows and whys of the rulemaking process. Davis introduces Browning and Miller.
2. Browning - HLW Regulation (30-45 minutes)  
Describes the major features of procedural and technical Part 60 (staged licensing process; early identification of issues through prelicensing consultation process; flexibility in technical criteria; etc.) to convey their reasonableness. Describes dynamics and general requirements of the licensing hearing process a la

previous briefing to Morgan and DOE management (e.g., need for completeness, quality assurance, etc.).

3. Miller - NRC Guidance Program (30-45 minutes)  
Describes the guidance mechanisms used by NRC -- technical positions, technical meetings, EA review, SCP reviews and further rulemaking on selected important issue. Establishes these as part of process that can and will come to closure, i.e., addresses question of "how much is enough?".