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Honorable Nunzio J. Palladino  
Chairman  
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Dear Mr. Chairman:

At the May 21, 1985 hearing of the Subcommittee on Energy Conservation and Power, the Subcommittee examined the Nuclear Regulatory Commission's (NRC) action to amend its Sunshine Act regulations. Because of our continuing interest in these procedures, we request the Commission provide the Congress and the public with additional information as it initiates its new procedures.

At the May 21 hearing, the NRC testified that all Commissioners would be invited to all non-Sunshine Act "gatherings" and that the General Counsel or his qualified designee would also be in attendance to ensure that the discussions do not violate the Sunshine Act. Please provide us with the written implementation procedures that the NRC has drafted for applying and adhering to the new rule and to the Sunshine Act. If no such written procedures now exist, please indicate that and provide us with the procedures that will be used.

We further request that the Commission issue a monthly public listing of non-Sunshine Act "gatherings" of a quorum of the Commission, their dates and general subject matter.

Additionally, we request that the NRC provide the Committee with a more specific monthly report of all non-Sunshine Act "gatherings" of a quorum of the Commission. The reports should include the date of all such "gatherings" that took place that month, the persons in attendance, a list of the documents discussed or provided at the "gathering," and a specific description of the subject or subjects discussed. These reports will assist the Committee in fulfilling the oversight responsibilities entrusted to it under the Rules of the House of Representatives.

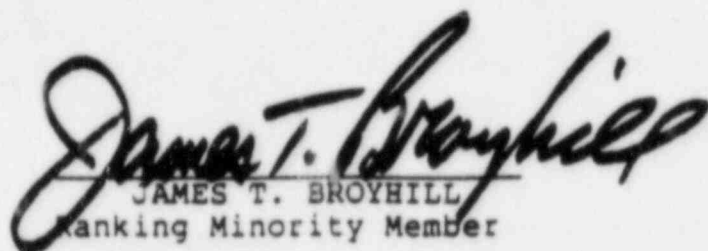
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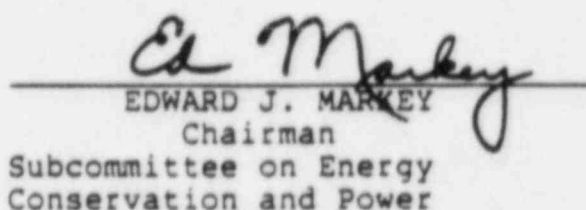
We recognize, and appreciate, the concern expressed by several Commissioners at the May 21 hearing that the Commission needs to conduct its business in an effective and efficient manner. It is no less important that the Commission, as an agency entrusted to protect the public health and safety, be fully accountable for its actions. We expect that the Commission's compliance with our request for additional accountability can be accomplished in a manner consistent with the other concerns expressed at the hearing.

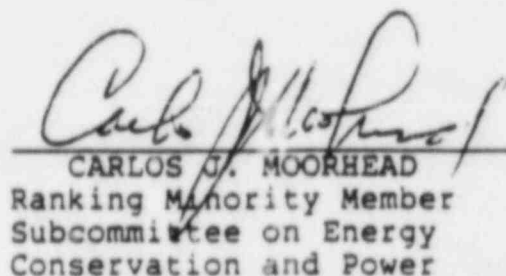
We would appreciate your response to this letter by June 5, 1985. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Sincerely,

  
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