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OFFICE OF THE  
SECRETARY

MEMORANDUM FOR: William J. Dircks, Executive Director  
for Operations

John E. Zerbe, Director  
Office of Policy Evaluation

FROM: Samuel J. Chilk, Secretary

SUBJECT: STAFF REQUIREMENTS - BRIEFING ON BROOKHAVEN  
REPORT ON INDEPENDENT SAFETY ORGANIZATION,  
10:00 A.M., THURSDAY, MAY 9, 1985, COMMISSIONERS' CONFERENCE ROOM, D.C. OFFICE (OPEN TO PUBLIC ATTENDANCE)

The Commission met with the staff and representatives of the Brookhaven National Laboratory to receive a briefing on the February 15, 1985 report prepared for NRC by Brookhaven on the subject of establishing an independent safety organization whose purpose would be the investigation of significant safety events occurring at NRC licensed facilities.

The Commission directed the staff to produce for Commission consideration a paper which provides staff's views on the problem areas identified in the Brookhaven report where the staff may need to show improvement. In the paper, the staff should recommend to the Commission the steps to be taken to implement changes, including organizational changes, in the problem areas.

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Commissioners Asselstine and Bernthal requested OPE to examine as an alternative to an independent safety organization, the concept of a small investigatory group that would report directly to the Commission.

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