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FROM: Edward L. Halman, Director  
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SUBJECT: STENOGRAPHIC REPORTING

On February 6, 1984 Carlton Kammerer, OCA, called to advise me that Ann Riley of Tayloe Associates had corresponded with Congressman Beville's office, asserting that the NRC had failed to provide Tayloe sufficient notice that the NRC would not exercise the option to extend the Tayloe contract for stenographic reporting services.

As agreed with Mr. Kammerer, I called Ms. Riley on February 7, 1984 to explain that the contract does not require such notice. Should the NRC wish to exercise the option, a 30-day notification is required. I felt that this latter provision may be the source of Ms. Riley's confusion. However, since the contract does not expire until March 15, 1984 the NRC could be considered timely even under that interpretation of the clause.

Ms. Riley was extremely abusive in tone and in language. She said that she understood the contractual requirements but the agency owed her the courtesy of such notification prior to notifying her competitors. (Apparently, Ms. Riley is referring to Alderson's assumption that this procurement would be competed based upon a discussion that Alderson had with Ms. Mattia. Ms. Mattia did not divulge any information to Alderson. The advertisement for the follow-on procurement was sent to CBD on January 5, 1984, several days before Ms. Mattia's discussion with Alderson.)

In response to her inquiry, I explained to Ms. Riley that the purpose of not exercising the option was so that the NRC could obtain the cost benefits of competition for these services. Ms. Riley attributed more sinister motives to this decision and stated that any further correspondence would be through her lawyer.

  
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