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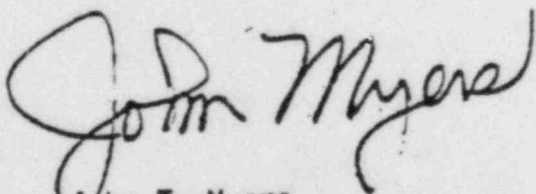
Honorable Nunzio J. Palladino
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Dear Mr. Chairman:

We have reviewed your letter of June 10, 1982, concerning the reorganization of NRC's investigatory functions into a new Office of Investigations reporting to the Commission. You note that additional trained personnel will be recruited for the new office within NRC's current personnel ceilings.

While we commend your efforts to improve NRC's operations, it would appear that the staffing levels and budgetary resources for this new office, in excess of levels previously provided for by the Committee, should be submitted for Committee review through the usual reprogramming procedures.

Sincerely,



John T. Myers
Ranking Minority Member
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Tom Bevill, Chairman
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The Honorable Tom Beville, Chairman
Subcommittee on Energy and Water
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United States House of Representatives
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Dear Mr. Chairman:

A year ago, I advised you by letter that the Commission was consolidating its investigative functions in a new Office of Investigations, which would report directly to the Commission and which would be responsible for investigating all allegations of wrongdoing by individuals or organizations other than NRC employees or contractors.

In my letter to you, dated June 10, 1982, I indicated that our plans essentially involved a restructuring and upgrading of on-going investigative activities and that the Commission believed its objectives could be met within existing NRC personnel levels for FY 1982, i.e. within a total staff limit of 38 positions distributed among both headquarters and field offices.

After a year of experience, we have concluded that an increase in our investigation staff is needed. The number of allegations requiring NRC investigation is substantial and growing. All of them need at least a screening investigation. Our inability to complete investigations in a timely manner may result in a reduction in the level of public safety, licensing delay or both. Such delay is imminent in several complex cases before the Commission.

Therefore, we propose to reallocate an additional eleven (11) full-time employee positions to the Office of Investigations for this purpose. This proposed reprogramming action will come from within the overall personnel levels already provided for the NRC for FY 1983.

Your early and favorable consideration of this reprogramming action is requested.

Sincerely,

Nunzio J. Palladino

cc: Rep. John T. Myers

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