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NOTE TO: Bill Travers, Deputy Program Director

FROM: Mike Masnik, Technical Assistant

SUBJECT: REPORT OF BOTANICAL ABNORMALITIES IN THE VICINITY OF TMI-2

At the July 18, 1985 Advisory Panel Meeting in Lancaster, PA, I was given a packet of documents by Ms. M. Osborn. In that packet was a report on botanical abnormalities in the vicinity of TMI-2. The documents alleged that the abnormalities were the result of radiation released from TMI-2. During the course of the meeting Ms. Osborn, who requested that the information be provided to the Advisory Panel, approached me and requested that the document addressing the botanical abnormalities be returned to her. I expressed my own as well as the staff's interest in this matter, particularly the report of aberrantly large dandelion, Taraxacum officinale, and returned the document. I asked if she would mind being contacted by a staff biologist concerning the abnormalities and in particular the aberrant dandelion. She said she would be happy to talk to the biologist and gave me her telephone number. I provided the number to Dr. G. LaRoche, EEB, who arranged for a site visit to examine the abnormalities first hand. The trip was scheduled for August 1, 1985. On July 31, 1985, Ms. Osborn called me at work and informed me that she would like to cancel. She said she talked it over with some other people and agreed that they would rather not show the plants to us at this time. I expressed my disappointment and offered to reschedule sometime in the future convenient to her. She said she would let me know.

/s/

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