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The Honorable George H. W. Bush  
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Dear Mr. President:

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Enclosed is the NRC report on abnormal occurrences at licensed nuclear facilities, as required by Section 208 of the Energy Reorganization Act of 1974 (PL 93-438), for the first calendar quarter of 1985.

In the context of the Act, an abnormal occurrence is an unscheduled incident or event which the Commission determines is significant from the standpoint of public health or safety. The report states that for this report period, there was one abnormal occurrence at the nuclear power plants licensed by the NRC to operate; the event involved a premature criticality during reactor startup. There were three abnormal occurrences at the other NRC licensees. Two events involved diagnostic medical misadministrations and the other event involved unlawful possession of radioactive material. There were four abnormal occurrences reported by an Agreement State (Texas). Three events involved radiation overexposures; the other event involved a well logging source which was apparently stolen, but later was recovered.

The report also contains information updating some previously reported abnormal occurrences.

In addition to this report, we will continue to disseminate information on reportable events. These event reports are routinely distributed on a timely basis to the Congress, industry, and the general public.

Sincerely,

Original signed by  
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Nunzio J. Palladino  
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