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ATOMIC ENERGY COMMISSION
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Note to: F. Swanberg

SUBJECT: THE IMPACT OF ATLAS MINERALS RECONSTRUCTING THEIR
ACID LEACH PLANT - AND TO WHAT EXTENT PRIOR ENVIRONMENTAL
REVIEW IS REQUIRED

On August 6, I talked to Mr. Malsch on the subject matter. He indicated that after discussing this with Joanna Becker, they both agree we probably have justification to authorize Atlas to construct the Acid Leach Facilities prior to the completion of the full NEPA review, pursuant to the provisions of 10CFR, Part 40.14(a). He feels that Atlas should submit the information necessary to support a 40.14(a) finding, and particular emphasis should be placed upon the question of foreclosure of alternatives and related cost.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "RBC", is positioned above the typed name of the signatory.

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