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Honorable Nunzio J. Palladino  
Chairman  
Nuclear Regulatory Commission  
Washington, DC 20555

Dear Mr. Chairman:

This is in response to your letter of March 26, 1985, concerning the replacement of Federal Protective Officers (FPO's) assigned to the Matomic Building with contract guards.

Although the National Capital Region (NCR) is contemplating the action you described, no formal decision has been made. Our specific policy on the use of FPO's is that they will not be assigned to fixed or reimbursable posts unless those posts are associated with facilities that are considered national security facilities designated exempt from OMB Circular A-76. The posts located in the Matomic Building do not fall within that category and, therefore, should be staffed through use of contract guards. We recognize that the security of classified documents at this facility is of primary concern. However, the proper handling and protection of classified information is an inherent responsibility of the agency having control of the information. Strict internal controls and use of approved containers should alleviate any problems associated with classified documents. Use of contract guards at your other facilities appear to be adequate and we expect that the same will apply at the Matomic Building.

Should the decision be made to reassign the FPO's stationed at the Matomic Building, you will be provided with advance notification. The Regional Federal Protection and Safety Division will continue to provide law enforcement support and contract monitoring, as well as other standard level services currently being furnished.

We appreciate your interest in this subject and hope you understand our position in this matter.

Sincerely,

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