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UNITED STATES NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION WASHINGTON, D.C. 20555-0001 July 26, 2018

Mr. John Greenewald, Jr.

SUBJECT: RESPONSE TO MANDATORY DECLASSIFICATION REVIEW NRC 002-2017

Dear Mr. Greenewald:

On October 11, 2016, you sent the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) a Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request (Case Number FOIA 2017-0038) for SECY 79-263, Classified Paper, dated April 16, 1979, and, if necessary, you requested a declassification review for the historic records. On April 6, 2017, the NRC informed you that your request had been changed to a request for a Mandatory Declassification Review under Section 3.5 of Executive Order (E.O.) 13526, "Classified National Security Information" (Agencywide Documents Access and Management System Accession No. ML17090A242).

The NRC conducted a line-by-line review of the requested document and consulted with other agencies that potentially had equity in the document. Following these activities, the agency has declassified and authorized the release of the document (Enclosure).

In accordance with E.O. 13526 and Title 32 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* Part 2001, "Classified National Security Information," if you feel that this assessment and review is incorrect, you have the right to an administrative appeal, which must be filed within 60 days of receipt of this letter. All administrative appeals shall be made to:

Deputy Executive Director for Reactor and Preparedness Programs United States Nuclear Regulatory Commission Washington, DC 20555-0001

### J. Greenewald

If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Darryl Parsons, Chief of the Information Security Branch, Division of Security Operations, Office of Nuclear Security and Incident Response, by telephone at (301) 415-7751 or by e-mail at <u>Darryl.Parsons@nrc.gov</u>.

Sincerely,

Marissa G. Bailey, Director Division of Security Operations Office of Nuclear Security and Incident Response

Enclosure: SECY 79-263



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## INFORMATION REPORT

April 15, 1979

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For:

#### The Commissioners

From:

James R. Shea, Director Office of International Programs

Executive Director for Operations Till for

To inform the Commission of recent discussions with

Energy Committee of the Parliament of the Netherlands,

Mr. Jan Van Houwelinger, Chairman of the Nuclear

MEETING WITH MEMBER OF DUTCH PARLIAMENT

a member of the Dutch Parliament.

Thru:

Subject:

Purpose:

Discussion:

met with Messrs. Shea and Oplinger on April 12, 1979. Most of the discussion concerned NRC's role in the nuclear export licensing process, and in the formula-

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nuclear export licensing process, and in the formulation of US non-proliferation policy. Mr. Van . Houwelinger was particularly interested in our views on whether, given the strong views of a number of industrialized countries in favor of reprocessing, the US policy of deferring and discouraging national reprocessing could be sustained. He noted that he had received a strongly pessimistic assessment in his conversations at the U.S. Department of Energy on this point. He said that he had been and remained closely involved with the Dutch Parliament's consideration of URENCO assistance to Brazil. He had opposed the Brazilian supply contract without a reprocessing veto, but said that in the end the Dutch had to choose between accepting a compromise solution or risking a German withdrawal from URENCO and establishment of the FRG as an independent supplier of enriched fuel. He thought the final outcome was still moot, however, and believed that the Netherlands would not go along with

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supplying Brazil unless a satisfactory plutonium storage regime is worked out.

Mr. Houwelinger was also interested in the NRC's role in reviewing the safety aspects of nuclear exports. Mr. Shea indicated that the NRC's interest and activity in this area has been growing rapidly, and explained the present situation with respect to the Executive Order and its implications for nuclear exports. Mr. Houwelinger said that he thought it essential that some international approach be worked out on this question, for two reasons. First, without a common approach, safety would become a matter of commercial competition among reactor vendors. Second, in areas like Europe where accidents might easily affect neighboring countries, a bilateral approach to ensuring reactor safety was insufficient.

James R Shea, Director Office of International Programs

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