



UNITED STATES  
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20555

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The Honorable John D. Dingell, Chairman  
Subcommittee on Energy and Power  
Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce  
United States House of Representatives  
Washington, D. C. 20515

Dear Mr. Chairman:

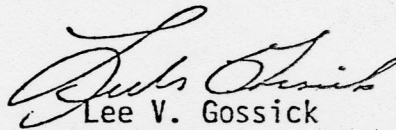
As you know, the accuracy of my testimony on August 8, 1977, before your Subcommittee concerning the existence of evidence of possible diversion of special nuclear material from a nuclear fuel processing plant in Apollo, Pennsylvania (Apollo/NUMEC), has received extended subsequent consideration. The background of this matter is addressed in Chairman Hendrie's letter of August 3, 1978, to the Chairman of the Subcommittee on Energy and the Environment.

With reference to that part of my testimony regarding the Nuclear Regulatory Commission's assurances that no significant quantities of special nuclear material had been diverted or stolen, I was in error in not limiting my response to only the period covered by the NRC's MUF report, i.e., January 1, 1968 to September 30, 1976. I was incorrect in stating that it was the position of the Commission that there has been no evidence that a diversion had taken place in the pre-1968 time period, and, in particular, with respect to Apollo/NUMEC.

On the basis of my present knowledge of the matter, I wish to state that I am aware of no conclusive evidence that a diversion of special nuclear material either did or did not take place at Apollo/NUMEC. I respectfully request that my testimony on this matter at your August 8, 1977 hearing be corrected accordingly.

Mr. Chairman, I sincerely regret the misunderstandings that have resulted from my testimony, and I want to reaffirm that I had no intent whatever to misrepresent the facts as I understood them or to mislead the Subcommittee.

Sincerely,

  
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Executive Director  
for Operations