



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

December 12, 1977

The Honorable Morris K. Udall, Chairman  
Subcommittee on Energy and the Environment  
Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs  
United States House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Mr. Chairman:

In a letter of November 15, 1977, from you and Congressman Tsongas to Chairman Hendrie, you stated your belief that in my testimony before your Subcommittee on July 29, 1977, I seriously misrepresented the facts as to evidence regarding the diversion of special nuclear material.

Chairman Hendrie has, by his letter of December 10, 1977, provided you with his assessment of my testimony and of my response to the charges that you have made about that testimony.

In my thirty-six years of government service, this is the first time I have been accused by anyone of "misrepresentation of the facts." In my appearances before your Subcommittee, and before the several other House and Senate Committees having oversight responsibilities over NRC matters, it has always been my intent to be as forthcoming, responsive and candid as I could be within the limits of my knowledge and understanding of the issues being addressed. I am deeply concerned that your evaluation of my testimony before your Subcommittee on July 29, 1977, has resulted in your conclusion that I am guilty of a serious misrepresentation of the facts.

I respectfully request the opportunity to meet with you for the purpose of discussing this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, which appears to read "Lee V. Gossick", is written over the typed name.

Lee V. Gossick  
Executive Director  
for Operations

cc: The Honorable Paul E. Tsongas  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Joseph M. Hendrie, Chairman NRC