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MEMORANDUM TO: L. Joseph Callan
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FROM: John C. Hoyle /s/

SUBJECT: STAFF REQUIREMENTS: SECY 97-193 - ASSISTANCE TO THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF
ENERGY'S FISSILE MATERIALS DISPOSITION PROGRAM

The Commission approved the staff's recommendation that NRC function as a "commenting agency" in the context of reviewing the Department of Energy's plutonium disposition site-specific Environmental Impact Statement, rather than participating as a "cooperating agency." The staff should inform the Department of the Commission's position on this issue.

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(SECY Suspense: 11/21/97)

In addition, since the terms of the modified reimbursable agreement under which NRC assistance is being provided to the Department's Fissile Materials Disposition Program enables the NRC to continue to recover its full costs for technical support, the staff should consider any support provided under the Agreement as "business like" and identify it to be separate from and in addition to the FTEs the agency will request to carry out its activities.

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(SECY Suspense: 12/12/97)

(See SECY-97-207)

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