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To: The Commissioners
THRU: Director of Regulation *PR*
Subject: STUDY OF RADIATION DOSES TO AIRPORT WORKERS

This is to advise you of an upcoming short-term study, in cooperation with Federal Aviation Administration and Air Transport Association, to measure and evaluate radiation doses to workers at airport cargo terminals. The study will concentrate on the relationship between doses to cargo handlers and the number of packages handled and the external radiation levels of those packages. The result will be useful in estimating the doses to airport workers nationwide, in determining the extent to which the present limit on package surface dose rate (200 mrem/hr) should be reduced, and in considering how annual doses to cargo handlers may be reduced.

We plan to conduct the four-week long study beginning in November 1974 at the following six airports simultaneously: Boston, Chicago (O'Hare), Los Angeles, New York City (LaGuardia), San Francisco, and St. Louis.

The study will be carried out by teams of graduate students from six local universities under the direction of qualified university personnel.

The Office of Information Services concurs that a press release is appropriate. A copy of the draft press release is attached for your information. *U*

The Joint Committee on Atomic Energy is being informed of this study and of the press release.

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Enclosure:
Draft Press Release

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