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U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission

Memorandum of Interview

OIG Case No: 07-63

On November 2, 2007, Cathi HUNT, Associate General Counsel, Progress Energy, was contacted by Special Agent (SA) (b)(7)c regarding employment discussions or negotiations with MERRIFIELD not included in documents provided to OIG. HUNT provided essentially the following information:

HUNT indicated that she had found no further documents related to discussions or negotiations with Jeffery MERRIFIELD for possible employment.

HUNT stated that (b)(7)c to Bill JOHNSON, Chief Executive Officer (CEO), Progress Energy. She noted that at the time of the discussions with MERRIFIELD, JOHNSON was the Chief Operating Officer and that he had recently succeeded the previous CEO who passed away suddenly.

HUNT stated that it was her understanding from conversations with JOHNSON that the first telephone call listed in the provided documents (January 1, 2007) was made by MERRIFIELD. MERRIFIELD had called to tell JOHNSON about his job search and explain that his attorney would be calling subsequently. The subsequent February 8, 2007, call was made by MERRIFIELD's attorney, Steve ENGELMYER.

HUNT stated that although not indicated in the documents, JOHNSON made a visit to the NRC on May 15, 2007 to make normal office calls on senior NRC officials. MERRIFIELD was one of those contacted. She believed that during their meeting, MERRIFIELD told JOHNSON what type of post-government employment he was looking for. However, she added that it was relatively general and that MERRIFIELD did not go into specifics.

HUNT stated that in the call on June 4, 2007, JOHNSON told MERRIFIELD that there was no position available.

HUNT did not participate in any of these conversations.

Interviewed by Special Agent (b)(7)c

MOI Prepared on November 6, 2007

MOI Reviewed by/on: (b)(7)c *[Signature]*

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