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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION
Chief, FOIA/LPDR
Publications Services Division
Washington, DC 20555
USA

FOIA/PA REQUEST

Case No: 2000-0045
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Action Off: _____
Related Case: _____

Dear FOI Officer:

Pursuant to the federal Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. s. 552, I request access to and copies of all files pertaining to an incident or accident, explosion, fire or other occurrence at the Koeburg Nuclear station on or immediately after 16 December, 1982.

I agree to pay reasonable duplication fees for the processing of this request in an amount not to exceed \$50. However, please notify me prior to your incurring any expenses in excess of that amount.

As a representative of the news media I am only required to pay for the direct cost of duplication after the first 100 pages. Through this request, I am gathering information on an explosion at a South African nuclear plant that is of current interest to the public because of major on-going public concern at safety and the vulnerability of nuclear facilities to attack. This information is being sought for dissemination to the general public. I have produced and directed investigative documentaries for PBS, BBC, Channel 4, ITV, Australian Television since 1966.

Please waive any applicable fees. Release of the information is in the public interest because it will contribute significantly to public understanding of government operations and activities. The release of this information will substantially contribute to the public's understanding of government operations and knowledge of foreign nuclear facilities.

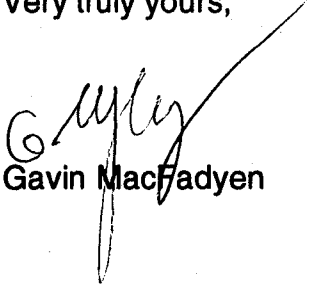
If my request is denied in whole or part, I ask that you justify all deletions by reference to specific exemptions of the act. I will also expect you to release all segregable portions of otherwise exempt material. I, of course, reserve the right to appeal your decision to withhold any information or to deny a waiver of fees.

As I am making this request as a journalist and this information is of timely value, I would appreciate your communicating with me by telephone, rather than by mail, if you have questions regarding this request.

I look forward to your reply within 20 business days, as the statute requires.

Thank you for your assistance.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Gavin Macfadyen", with a long, sweeping flourish extending upwards and to the right.

Gavin Macfadyen