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With regard to my 2.206 Petition under 10 cfr. on the Georgia Tech Nuclear Reactor Docket 50-160 (in all combinations such as 50-160 Ren) and the security/terrorism issue I raised in my original, very first letter to the NRC under this petition :

When I met with the NRC in Atlanta, and the FBI representative, and on subsequent occasions, when I raised the terrorism issue and my concern that not even putting the entire United States Armed Forces around that dump of a reactor could prevent a damned thing, I was assured that everyone could handle everything, that the security was not a problem. Over and over I asked that security be increased, that roads be blocked off and on and on. Now, as you have been informed, a television crew not only wandered around inside, but climbed the fence in broad daylight and got on the building. This was done absent the Olympics. The weapons grade uranium is still there, the hundreds of thousands of curies of cobalt-60 Tech doesn't want to remove are still there, The damned cesium-137 is still stashed under the floor in the adjacent building (and, according to new reports may have contaminated the living daylight out of the place) and lo, and behold the public was not safe and the security stank. With all its millions of dollars, Tech couldn't even have made the fence electric, couldn't even have put guards all around. No, I suppose Tech is too busy rubbing its grubby hands together over all the lovely money and publicity it'll get with the Olympics, sinking dorms and security be damned.

If that TV crew had been terrorists, , Not even Techs mighty Public Relations machine would have been able to stop the resulting world-wide negative publicity, not to mention probable loss of life and a nuclear disaster, for which this city is totally unprepared.

In Techs arrogance, Not only can it not bear to admit that a few women, myself included, have raised so much fuss that Tech has had to say it will remove the uranium and the cesium, it is seemingly determined to jeopardize an entire city by keeping the Cobalt-60 onsite during the Olympics (and absent the Olympics, and bring uranium back in afterwards,) and all the federal and state government will do about the Cobalt-60, all anyone will do is ABSOLUTELY NOTHING. You all can't protect it, never could, never will be able to . At the risk of repeating myself for the millionth time, wake up, smell the radioactively contaminated sewage sludge, and get everything out of there NOW. Seal the roads off, stick a few tanks around the thing and a platoon of soldiers, DO SOMETHING GUYS.

The enclosed articles show that a quarter of a ton of explosives has been stolen in the Atlanta area and no one seems to be able to find it. Furthermore that the FBI and the CIA are working together to deal with "substantial" threats to security at next summers Atlanta Olympics. What about NOW ? I feel like I am standing on a sinking raft in the middle of the Pacific in a typhoon yelling "help!". I am disgusted at the way NRC Washington has handled my 2.206, I am disgusted at Tech, I am outraged at the entire situation - but hey, you all obviously don't care.

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The students are at risk. The campus police are at risk. The fire-fighters are at risk. The poor people who live nearby are at risk. The whole city is at risk AT PRESENT, and IF Ga. Tech/DOE/NRC ever get the U-235 etc. etc. out of there before the Olympics, everyone is still going to be at risk from the cobalt-60. After the Olympics it will be the same story, as the LEU (higher in plutonium-and God alone knows if it will fit, or blow up when the whole mess is cranked up again) and the cobalt-60 will still be there. But no one cares it seems. Hasn't Tech spent enough money on lawyers, and enough TAXPAYERS money using the State Attorney Generals office lawyers to keep the taxpayers EXPOSED to the dangers? I guess not. Just think how happy all the parents of all the students at Tech would be knowing that the greed of Tech outweighed their childrens safety. Does Tech (and the NRC office in downtown Atlanta) believe that somehow they are immune to the effects of some type of catastrophe happening concerning the reactor complex and the cobalt-60? Hasn't the NRC read all of this years lousy inspection results? The place is a disgrace. Where is everyones common sense. We know the track record at that dump, we know how old it is and we know how dangerous it is. We also know it has no place in the middle of any city, town or village. So, the NRC should do what I asked under this 2.206, and in the meanwhile, HOW ABOUT SOME SECURITY? The cobalt-60 MUST go Georgia Tech CAN survive without nuclear facilities on site. Tech is so cosy with the DOE it can go and use their facilities at one of DOEs national sacrifice areas, like Oak Ridge, or Savannah River Nuclear Site. Has Tech got enough insurance that in the case of catastrophe it could pay the claims of the hundreds of thousands of relatives of the dead? You can bet not even LLOYDs of London would insure that dump, and the Price-Anderson Act (that eternal bad joke) sure wouldn't cover it all. Home-owners and business insurance doesn't cover nuclear catastrophe or things resulting from civil unrest etc. Read your policies. ANYway, even if it were covered, money is meaningless to dead people and no money in the world can compensate for the results of radioactive contamination. However, I get the distinct impression that no one at Tech or the NRC seems to realize or understand the effects of radioactive contamination because, if they did 1) the entire reactor, contents, cobalt-60 etc. would have been removed already 2) all nuclear power plants would be dismantled, 3) and all nuclear weapons also. Either you all really don't grasp the enormity of what you are dealing with, or greed and evil have the upper hand. I like to believe it is the former, but I am beginning to really wonder if it isn't the latter. NRC may argue that it has no control over the cobalt-60 as Tech owns it, but that is just an easy out. If NRC really cared about the public and the environment, NRC would ask the President to issue and Executive Order to get it out of there. And if those who are in power at Tech cared they would have done the same. If there is a nuclear catastrophe during (or absent) the Olympics, what excuse do you all intend to give the Almighty for your criminal negligence let alone surving members of the public? Yet again, grant my 2.206.

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Explosives probe 'ongoing'

A Georgia skinhead organizer whose name has surfaced in the investigation of a theft of explosives from a Norcross-area blasting company is well-known among hate-group monitors.

But Samuel Miles Dowling, 23, told The Atlanta Journal-Constitution in an interview last year that he did not espouse violence, and police say he recently has begun wearing long sleeves to cover his Nazi-themed tattoos.

Dowling was linked in reports published this weekend to the theft of ammonium nitrate, fuel oil and blasting caps from Controlled Blasting Inc. last week.

Federal investigators in Atlanta would not discuss Dowling on Monday. "I'm not going to comment at all," said Bobby Browning, spokesman for the Atlanta office of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms. "The investigation's ongoing."

In 1991, Dowling formed an organization called Socialist Youth of Georgia, a neo-Nazi group, and is regarded by people who monitor extremist groups to be a major organizer for skinhead activities. Dowling attracted 130 armed men to a rally in Dawson County last August, law enforcement officials said.

Dowling and four other skinheads were arrested in 1992 during the 11-day siege at Randy Weaver's cabin in northern Idaho. They tried to break through police roadblocks and deliver weapons to Weaver, a white separatist who holed up in his cabin after his son, his wife and a U.S. marshal were shot and killed. The skinheads' weapons were legal, and the charges were dismissed.

— Scott Marshall and R. Robin McDonald

DAWSON CO. IS 2 COUNTIES NORTH OF FULTON CO. (WHERE ATLANTA IS)

Probe into theft of explosives expands

Caller threatened Million Man March

By R. Robin McDonald and Scott Marshall

STAFF WRITERS

The day after a quarter ton of explosives was reported stolen from a Norcross blasting company, an anonymous caller warned that "the explosives stolen in Georgia are meant for the Million Man March."

That threat, fielded by the NAACP Legal Defense Fund in Washington, drew the FBI's Counter-Terrorism Task Force in Atlanta into the ongoing theft investigation, said Ed Goetz, task force commander.

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Eleven 50-pound bags of ANFO, a volatile mixture of ammonium nitrate and fuel oil, and more than a thousand blasting caps vanished from Controlled Blasting Inc. during the first weekend of October.

Investigators' fears escalated when they learned a former company employee, Jeffrey James McManus, and his former housemate, Samuel Miles Dowling, were members of a loosely knit white supremacist youth corps known as "skinheads."

But the FBI now says that the Lawrenceville skinhead and his compatriot, both of whom have been affiliated with a group known as the Confederate Hammerskins, are not behind the phoned-in threat to disrupt the march that drew hundreds of thousands of African-American men to Washington on Monday.

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The stolen explosive is made from the same chemicals as the bomb that leveled the federal building in Oklahoma City six months ago.

"We just couldn't take any chances ... until we could prove definitely it wasn't connected to terrorism and there was no danger to anyone participating in the march," Goetz said.

McManus said agents with the U.S. Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms and the terrorism task force have questioned him in connection with the explosives theft. He said his house has been under constant surveillance.

"I used to work there [Controlled Blasting]," he said. "It seemed only logical."

Federal investigators also approached him after the Oklahoma City bombing, suspecting that he might be the mysterious John Doe No. 2, then thought to be in league with bombing suspect Timothy McVey.

Goetz confirmed that agents questioned McManus Wednesday morning but have found nothing to link him or any of his friends to the threat against the march or any suspected terrorist activity.

McManus, 24, a burly U.S. Navy veteran whose arms and neck are covered with neo-Nazi tattoos, worked at Controlled Blasting for about three months.

ATF spokesman Bobby Browning said agents are questioning all current and former company employees.

"I haven't done anything," McManus said Thursday. "They weren't bad today. They didn't try to give me a hard time or anything. If they've got certain leads that they've got to follow, they're going to follow them. That's their job. ..."

"The day that I'll worry is ... when instead of coming to ask questions, they come with their guns drawn."

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FBI, CIA working on Games security

NATION IN BRIEF

The FBI and CIA are working together to deal with "substantial" threats to security at next summer's Atlanta Olympics, top administration officials told senators Wednesday. The FBI is taking the lead and is getting help from the CIA in assessing the potential threats from foreign terrorists, Deputy Attorney General Jamie Gorelick said at a hearing of the Senate Intelligence Committee.

"I am comfortable that we are on target for the substantial security challenges that we face there," she said in response to a question. Gorelick is the No. 2 official at the Justice Department, which has authority over the FBI. Jeffrey Smith, the CIA's general counsel, offered to brief committee members on "what we think the threats are" in a future closed session.

The CIA has experience in infiltrating terrorist groups outside the United States, and was helping the FBI "in order to protect American citizens and American lives at the Atlanta Olympics," Smith told sev-

eral reporters after the hearing.