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VIA FACSIMILE & FIRST CLASS MAIL

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Commission
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**Re: Notice of Violation (NRC Office of Investigations
Report No. 3-1997-043S)**

Dear Bruce:

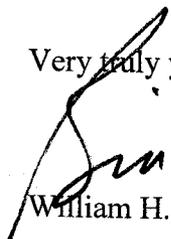
Yesterday I finally received the NRC's September 6 NOV's to my clients, Numanco and Rob Grant. I also received your voice mail apologizing for the fact that the letters were originally sent to me without postage.

I accept your apology. I can believe that the NRC made an honest mistake, and I do not accuse the agency of engaging in deliberate misconduct by sending its NOV's to me in letters that could not possibly be delivered. However, you will hear much more from me about the NRC's views on deliberate misconduct when we respond to the NOV's.

I understand that Mr. Grant and Numanco have been granted an extension to respond to their NOV's until 30 days after the NRC provides the documents that are responsive to my FOIA request for OI Report No. 3-1997-043S and all documents the agency relied upon in issuing its NOV's.

Please confirm the extension in writing (use a stamp).

Very truly yours,


William H. Briggs, Jr.