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U. S. Department of Commerce
Washington 25, D. C.

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As you know, 120 days have been allowed for public comment on the proposed guides. Comments received are to be given every consideration prior to adoption and publication of the guides in a final form.

Thank you for the interest shown by your suggested revision. I assure you that it will be fully considered.

Sincerely yours,
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THE ADMINISTRATOR

Mr. A. R. Luedcke, General Manager
U. S. Atomic Energy Commission
Washington 25, D. C.

Re: Reactor Site Criteria

Dear Mr. Luedcke:

In our letter of July 22, 1959, on "Financial Protection Requirements and Indemnity Agreements", it was requested that nuclear ships be exempted from the application of a population factor to the measurement of liability insurance required for power reactors. Mr. Price replied to our letter on August 10, 1959, with the assurance that the proposed rules "are not intended to establish requirements with respect to licensed nuclear-propelled vessels", and that our comments would be taken into account in revising the proposed amendment.

On February 11, 1961, the Federal Register carried a Notice of Proposed Guides which provides general criteria for the evaluation of proposed sites for power and testing reactors. This notice does not specify that the guides apply only to land-based reactors nor does it specifically exempt nuclear ships.

On the basis of Mr. Price's letter, it is assumed that these siting guides were also not intended to apply to nuclear ships. If this assumption is correct, it is requested that an amendment be made to the notice of February 11, 1961, to the effect that the SAVANNAH is not subject to these criteria and that the guides are intended for land-based reactors only.

Otherwise, since the Commission has applied certain parallel procedures for licensed reactors to the SAVANNAH, the public may very well assume (at the forthcoming public hearing, for instance) that the proposed guides would also be applied.

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