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IN REPLY REFER TO:
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Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter of 16 July 1971 to the Aerojet Nuclear Systems Company concerning unanswered questions with respect to their petition for a Department of Transportation Permit for URIPS-8 radioisotopic power generators. The URIPS-8 generators were being fabricated by Aerojet under Navy Contract N62477-70-C-0085. As a result of technical/contractual differences, however, the Contractor assumed a stop work position in late April. Subsequent negotiations have resulted in the Navy's initiating a contract modification providing for closing out of the Contract upon delivery of all component hardware and documentation necessary for the Government to assemble and obtain a license to transport the generators.

It is the Navy's intention to have Oak Ridge National Laboratory complete assembly of the generators. Under the terms of the Contract modification, Aerojet is to provide answers to the questions raised by your letter of 7 May directly to this Unit for review and forwarding to your office. Accordingly, your letter of 16 July was forwarded to this Unit by the Contractor for appropriate action.

Responses to your questions will be forwarded as soon as possible after final agreement on the contract modification is achieved. It is therefore requested that the URIPS-8 case be held open and that any subsequent questions concerning the subject petition be forwarded to this Unit. Mr. R. H. Luten has been designated as this Unit's point of contact for this matter. He may be reached at 664-6316 (commercial) or 192-46316 (IDS).

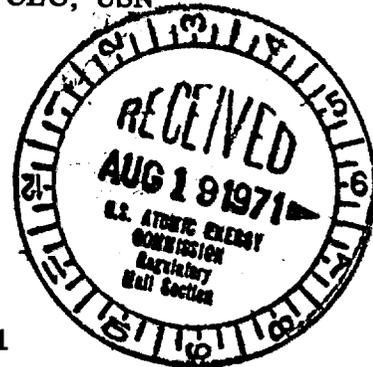
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(1) Aerojet Nuclear Systems Co. ltr N2130:7517 of 26 Jul 1971

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