

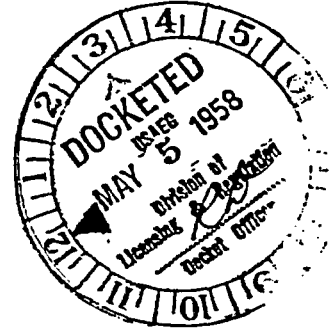
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May 1, 1958

Mr. H. L. Price, Director
Division of Civilian Application
U. S. Atomic Energy Commission
Washington 25, D. C.



Dear Mr. Price:

Thank you for your reply of April 28, 1958 to my letter requesting clarification of the situation regarding Curtiss-Wright's position as affected by the temporary Regulation issued by the Atomic Energy Commission concerning financial protection required until indemnity agreements are executed.

Under the formula set forth in the temporary Regulation, Curtiss-Wright maintains financial protection in the sum of \$250,000.00, as required therein. In meeting the requirements of this temporary Regulation does Curtiss-Wright fall within the purview of the Price-Anderson Act so that in the event of a nuclear incident occurring before an indemnity agreement has been executed between Curtiss-Wright and the Government in accordance with Section 140.17 of the Regulations, Curtiss-Wright will be indemnified by the Government to the amount of \$500 million dollars. In other words, by maintaining the financial protection required by the temporary Regulation, will Curtiss-Wright be indemnified by the Government in the event of a nuclear incident.

We question whether Curtiss-Wright will automatically be indemnified as a result of a nuclear incident because it has adhered to the temporary Regulation pending the execution of an indemnity agreement or whether there is some positive action that must be taken i.e. the negotiation of an indemnity agreement, before Curtiss-Wright will be the recipient of Government indemnification under the Price-Anderson Act.

The answer to this question is most important to us since our license to operate a research reactor was granted on Tuesday, April 29, 1958 and said facility is now being utilized. The potentiality of liability as a result of the operation of the reactor is ever present and

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Curtiss-Wright desires to immediately take whatever steps are necessary to receive the full benefits of the Price-Anderson Act as soon as possible.

I would very much appreciate your prompt attention and reply to this letter.

Very truly yours,

CURTISS-WRIGHT CORPORATION
RESEARCH DIVISION

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Milton Becket".

Milton Becket
Division Counsel

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