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Sir:

In followup to recent telephone conversations between yourself and Steven H. Cantone, I am writing this letter to more fully describe to you our intentions with regard to licensing of staff personnel on Unit No. 3. In this context, staff personnel includes all those who are directly associated with the startup of Unit No. 3 but who do not perform the actual operating functions.

The Unit No. 3 staff has presently finished its original task of updating all the Unit No. 2 system descriptions and is currently involved in an intensified training program whose aim is to prepare them for "hot" licensing on Unit No. 2. Additionally they are deeply involved in the Unit No. 3 preoperational test program, writing the Unit No. 2/3 Difference course and writing the Unit No. 3 procedures.

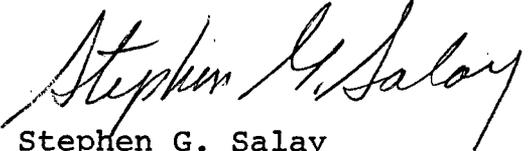
Considering the backgrounds of the staff members, either college graduate or previous nuclear power experience and in some cases both, the experience being gained in accomplishment of their present tasks and their anticipated role in the startup program, that is, advisory and investigative functions, I believe that obtaining a Unit No. 2 license coupled with a satisfactory demonstration of operating talents on our Unit No. 2 simulator and successful completion of the Unit No. 2/3 Difference course is sufficient evidence to warrant granting staff members reciprocal licenses on Unit No. 3.

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I have in past correspondence committed to having our operators demonstrate their operating talents for a three month period on Unit No. 2 prior to requesting reciprocal licensing. This commitment will certainly be honored as there is sound basis behind it. I do however believe that it should not be interpreted to apply to staff members for the reasons enumerated above.

I seek your concurrence in this matter and if you so desire would be glad to discuss it further.

Sincerely,



Stephen G. Salay  
Chief Engineer - Unit No. 3

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