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PLANS FOR TESTS AT INDIAN POINT 2 SUBSEQUENT TO THE FIRE IN THE PRIMARY AUXILIARY BUILDING, DOCKET NO. 50-247

On Friday, November 5, 1971, I called Joe Prestele at Con Edison at the request of Peter A. Morris, to inquire as to what their plans for additional testing were over the weekend in light of the fire in the primary auxiliary building on November 4. He replied that no testing was planned for the weekend. I asked him to consult with the Regulatory Staff before resuming any of the testing programs as contemplated in the fuel loading and subcritical testing license recently issued to Con Edison. He agreed.

Mr. Prestele telephoned me at the Indian Point 2 Public Hearing at the Springvale Inn, Croton-on-Hudson, New York, on Monday, November 8, 1971. He informed me that Con Edison planned to perform tests on the steam plant which could include running of the circulating water system and steam generator feed water system. They also plan to insert the upper internal package into the vessel and bolt the head on the vessel. He further stated he did not consider these activities to be a part of the subcritical program authorized by the license, and therefore, that taking these actions without consultation with the Regulatory Staff would be consistent with his previous statement that he would consult with the Staff before resuming subcritical testing program authorized by the license. He further stated that no operation involving the primary systems were contemplated and that the Staff would be consulted before such operations were resumed.

I concurred with the statements that tests in the steam plant, such as he described, would not be considered part of the subcritical testing operation authorized by the license and therefore, required no previous discussion with the Staff as per our prior agreement during our telephone conversation of November 5, 1971.

I also concurred with his plan to install the upper internal package and bolt down the pressure vessel head in order to secure the reactor.

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