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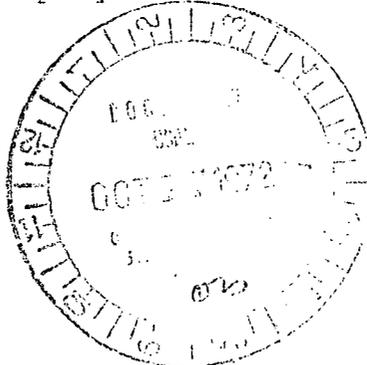
Re: Indian Point Unit No. 2
AEC Docket No. 50-247

Dear Mr. Chairman:

In my letter of August 25, 1972 I advised the Board that Unit No. 2 would be ready for criticality during the week of September 17, on the implicit assumption that pre-critical testing would be satisfactorily completed.

On August 25, 1972, as part of the pre-critical testing program, a hydrostatic test of the reactor coolant system was being conducted. A small leak developed in a three-quarter inch connection in a branch connection to the reactor coolant system. Subsequent inspection revealed some areas in which welds and piping were not in accordance with specifications. As a matter of prudence, therefore, Consolidated Edison is inspecting similar connections before resuming the pre-critical testing program. Required preliminary reports on these conditions have been made to the Commission's Regulatory Staff.

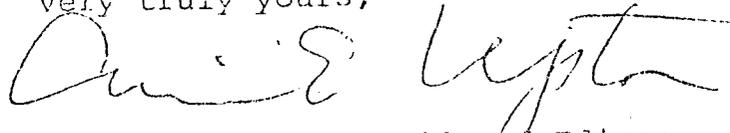
Pending further investigation, Consolidated Edison cannot say when the plant will be ready for criticality. As soon as a firm estimate can be made, the Board and the other parties will be promptly informed.



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This development makes it inadvisable to file at present a motion for a temporary operating license. Instead, it is appropriate for us to address ourselves to the schedule for and scope of the continuation of the hearing on the permanent license, taking into account Mr. Macbeth's letter of August 25 and responding more precisely to the Board's letter of August 14. Such a response will be sent to the Board next week.

Very truly yours,



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