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Dear Mr. Hoffman:

As you know, I am counsel to the Hudson River Fishermen's Association in the Indian Point 2 case, AEC Docket 50-247. As I am sure you are also aware, having access to transcripts in the proceeding at a low cost is crucial if I am to properly fulfill my responsibilities to a client whose financial position precludes it from purchasing transcripts at a commercial rate.

Over the course of the last few months, there has been considerable confusion as to whether or not Ace Federal Reporters can provide intervenor's counsel in AEC proceedings copies of the transcript eventually destined for the public document room. Most of this confusion seems to center on the contract between the AEC and Ace Federal, which I am told was signed last February. I would appreciate it if you would send me a copy of the contract so that I can determine for myself what the arrangements between the Commission and Ace Federal now are. Further, if it is true, as at least some people in the Commission and at Ace Federal believe, that the Reporters are prohibited from making public document room transcripts available to the intervenors, I would urge the Commission to take immediate action so that intervenors may obtain copies of the transcript at a truly reduced rate.

One important ingredient in the present situation may be that the Chairman of the Indian Point 2 hearing board requested that the transcripts be made available

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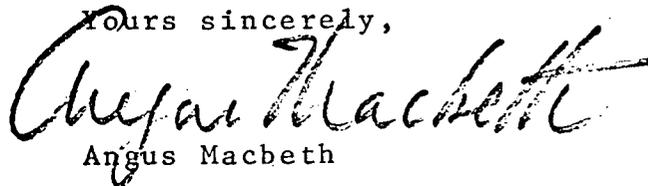
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to intervenor's counsel. I wish I could provide you with the transcript page reflecting this, but since I have only received some of the transcripts on environmental matters and none of those on radiological matters, I do not have to hand the relevant transcript pages.

I regret having to take your time with a matter that may seem trivial, but in a long technical proceeding with more than 11,000 pages of transcript, to say nothing of the vast quantities of prepared testimony included in the transcript as if read, obtaining and paying for the transcript becomes a very important matter for any party attempting to participate in the proceeding in a full and competent manner. It is only my failure to get this worked out at some lower level of the Commission or with Ace Federal that has driven me to raising the matter with you.

I look forward to hearing from on this.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Angus Macbeth". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Angus Macbeth

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cc: Anthony Z. Roisman, Esq.