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Honorable William F. Ryan
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Dear Mr. Ryan:

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During the hearing, Mrs. Mary Hays Weik, who intervened in the proceeding to oppose the granting of the construction permit, and the Atomic Safety and Licensing Board raised several health and safety questions regarding the effect on the citizens of New York City of radioactive discharges from the proposed plant into the waters of the Hudson River and into the atmosphere.

In response to these questions the regulatory staff of the Commission and the New York City Commissioner of Water Resources, Mr. Maurice M. Feldman, who gave testimony during the hearing, noted that environmental monitoring programs had been or would be conducted to assure that radioactive discharges from the proposed plant would meet the requirements of 10 CFR Part 20 of the Commission's regulations. These limits in Part 20 are based on guides developed by the Federal Radiation Council and approved by the President for the guidance of Federal agencies. In evaluating acceptable risk from radiation exposure the Federal Radiation Council uses the best technical expertise in the field and takes into account the recommendations of the National Council on Radiation Protection and Measurements and the International Commission on Radiological Protection.

It was further noted during the hearing that the proposed plant met the site criteria of 10 CFR Part 100 of the Commission's regulation and could be constructed and operated at the proposed location without undue risk to the health and safety of the public.

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I am enclosing a copy of the Commission's regulatory staff's Safety Evaluation dated February 20, 1969 regarding the application for a construction permit for Unit No. 3 which was introduced into the record of the hearing. This document presents the regulatory staff's conclusions regarding the safety of the proposed plant. The information contained on pages 4-10 of the Safety Evaluation are particularly pertinent to your inquiry.

As I previously mentioned, the presiding Atomic Safety and Licensing Board has not completed its deliberations on this application. When completed, the Board will issue an Initial Decision, which, subject to Commission review, will determine whether a construction permit will be issued. When this Initial Decision is issued by the Board, I will arrange for a copy to be transmitted to you.

Sincerely,

(signed) Harold L. Price

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Director of Regulation

Enclosures:

- 1. Safety Evaluation
- 2. 10 CFR 20
- 3. 10 CFR 100

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Dear Mr. Ryan:

This is in response to your letter, dated June 5, 1969, concerning the hearing on the application filed by the Consolidated Edison Company of New York, Inc. to construct the Indian Point Nuclear Generating Unit No. 3.

The hearing has not yet concluded; however, we will be pleased to furnish you with a report promptly thereafter.

Cordially,

Chairman

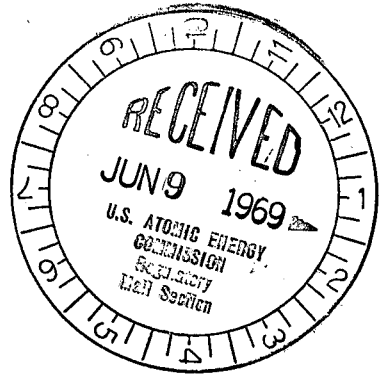
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(Indian Point Nuclear Generating
Unit 3)

Docket No. 50-286

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that copies of a letter with enclosed petition from Mary Hays Weik dated June 3, 1969 in the captioned matter have been served on the following by deposit in the United States mail, first class or air mail, this 6th day of June 1969:

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