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Dear Mr. Check,

My letter to you of May 31, 1979 transmitted report BAW-1533(P), "Mark-BZ Demonstration Assemblies Licensing Report". That report was based on irradiating four zircaloy grid demonstration assemblies in Oconee Nuclear Station, Unit 1, Cycle 5; however, as you may be aware, those assemblies were not used and all assemblies in Oconee 1, Cycle 5 had standard inconel grids. It is now our intention to irradiate one demonstration assembly in Oconee Nuclear Station, Unit 2, Cycle 5; and we are revising the licensing report accordingly. We expect to have a revised report to you by March 1, 1980. If you have any questions, please call Mr. R. J. Finnin of my staff (2892).

Very truly yours,

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Manager, Licensing

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