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Dear Mr. Mangan:

SUBJECT: REACTOR BUILDING CRACK MONITORING AT NINE MILE POINT

UNIT 1 (TAC 69217)

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Sincerely,

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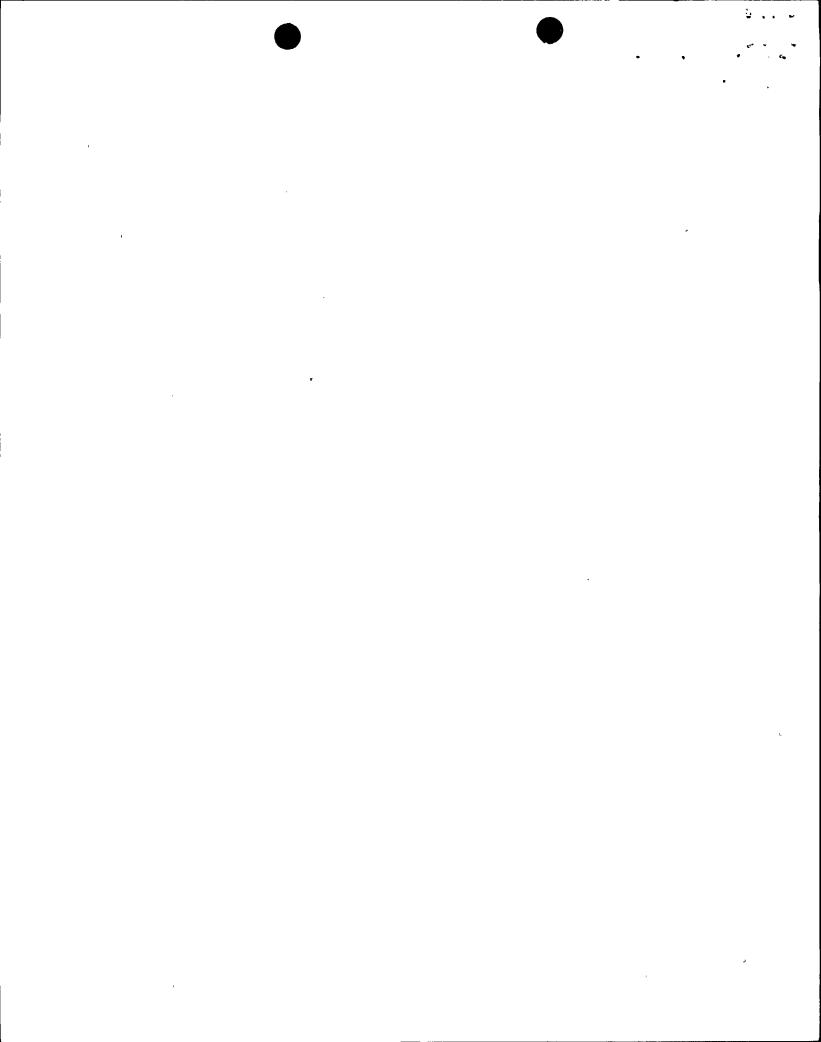
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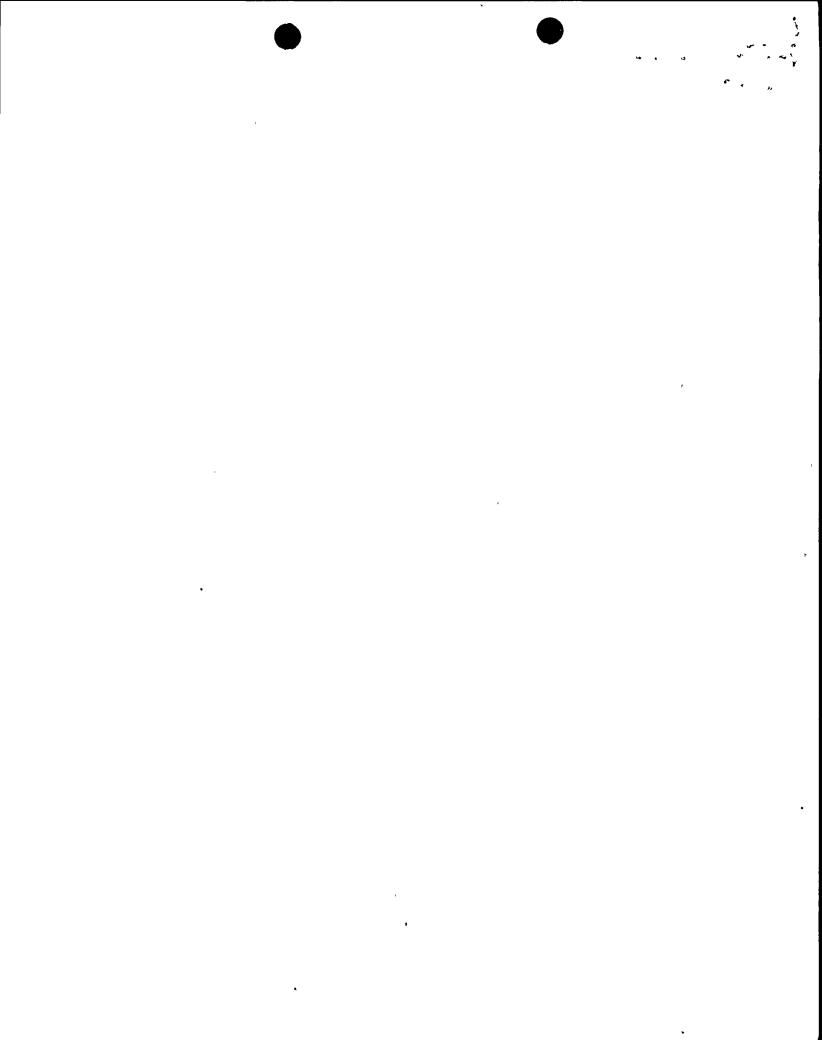
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