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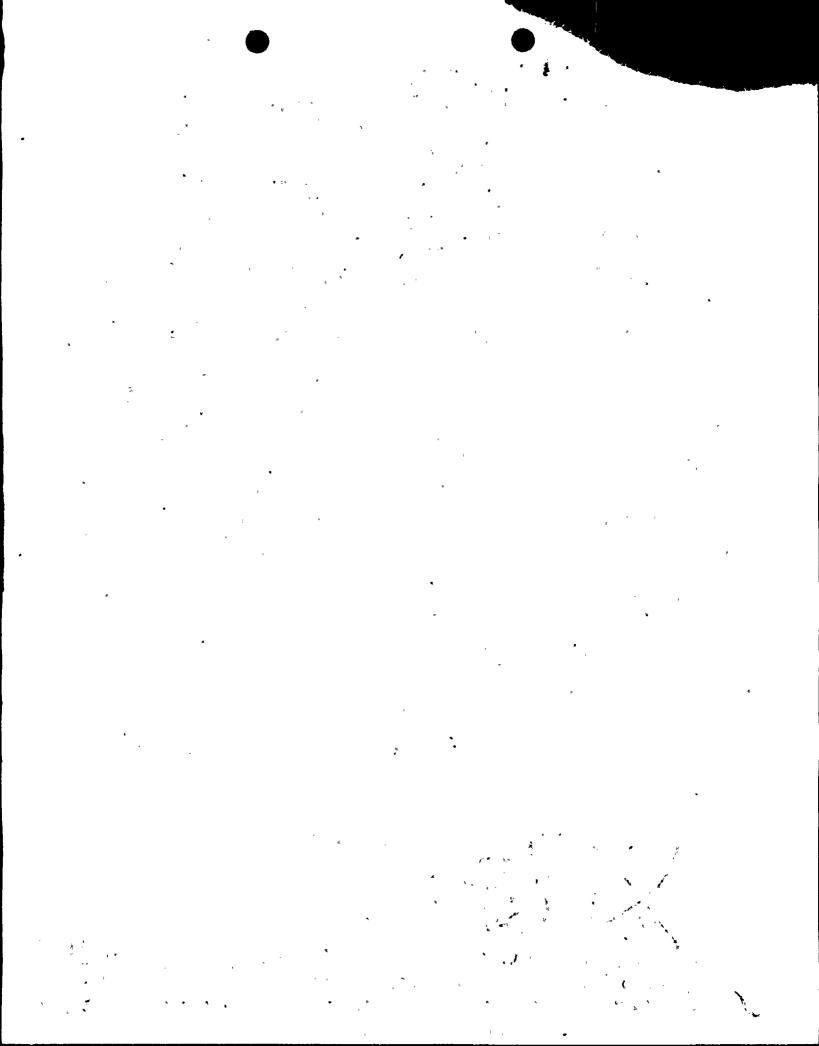
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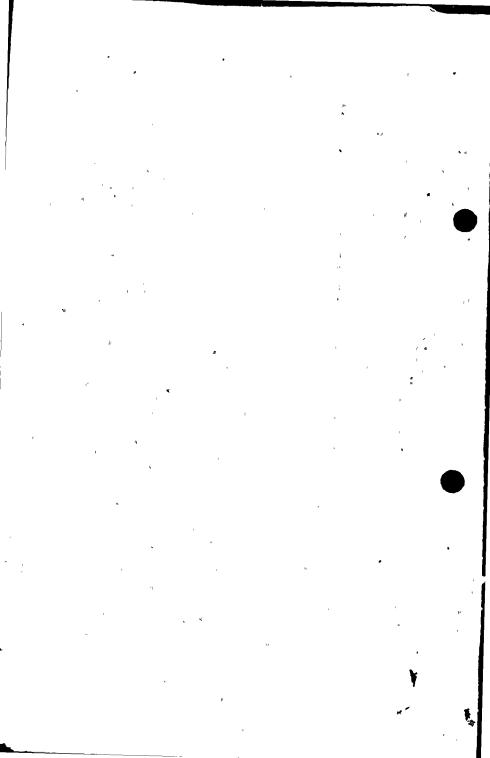
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Dear Mr. Twiddy:

Your letter to President Carter regarding nuclear power has been forwarded to this office for consideration.

In recognition of the severe implications of our continued dependence on foreign oil, President Carter has offered a National Energy Plan that calls for a combination of energy sources to meet our electrical requirements. He has also stressed the importance of conserving energy by such practices as driving our cars less and lowering the heat in our homes. Under the Energy Plan, solar, geothermal and fusion technologies are receiving great emphasis and accelerated development. However, their status is such that even under the most successful of efforts they will not be able to meet all of the additional energy needs of the United States during the remainder of this century. Thus, in the near and intermediate term, coal and uranium must provide an increasing share of electrical generation. The important role that nuclear power must play in our energy future has been expressed repeatedly by the President and the Secretary of Energy.

The solution of the energy problems of this Nation will require the full support of an informed public and your efforts in this regard are greatly appreciated.

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Inasmuch as matters pertaining to the licensing, construction, and operation of commercial nuclear power plants are under the cognizance of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, we are forwarding your letter to them for appropriate action by copy of this letter.

· Sincerely,

Original signed by: T. A. Werner

John P. Thereault, Deputy Director Plans and Analysis Division Nuclear Reactor Programs

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