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DPR-19 DRESDEN NUCLEAR POWER STATION UNIT 2:

THIS IS TO CONFIRM CONVERSATION WITH MR H DANCE OF YOUR OFFICE AT 1045 HOURS THIS DATE REGARDING THE FAILURE TO CLOSE OF THE AIR OPERATED PRIMARY CONTAINMENT SAMPLE RETURN ISOLATION VALVES 8501-3A AND 8501-3B. AT 1930 HOURS ON 6-17-72 THESE VALVES FAILED TO CLOSE DURING TESTING REQUIRED BY SECTION 4.7.D.1.C.(1) OF THE TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS.

VISUAL OBSERVATION OF THE VALVES VERIFIED THAT THE CONTROL SIGNALS WERE PROPERLY DENERGIZING THE VALVE SOLENOIDS TO BLEED THE AIR OFF

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THE DIAPHRAGM, THE PROBLEM APPEARED TO BE PHYSICAL BINDING WITHIN THE VALVES. THE MANUA VALVE, LOCATED BETWEEN THESE VALVES AND THE PRIMARY CONTAINMENT, WAS CLOSED TO SATISFY SECTION 3.7.D.2 OF THE TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS. THESE VALVES WERE LAST OPERATED SATISFACTORILY ON 4-30-72. INVESTIGATION IS IN PROGRESS AND WILL BE REPORTED IN THE LETTER REQUIRED UNDER SECTION 6.B.2 OF THE TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS

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