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Honorable Melvin R. Laird
 Secretary of Defense
 ATTN: Assistant Secretary for
 Health and Environment

Dear Secretary Laird:

I am pleased to provide you with the enclosed detailed statement prepared by the Commission's Division of Reactor Licensing on environmental considerations in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act relating to the application for an operating license filed by Commonwealth Edison Company for the Dresden Nuclear Power Station, Unit No. 3. A notice of proposed issuance of an operating license was published in the Federal Register November 20, 1970.

This statement was prepared in accordance with our interim procedures for compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, and includes the applicant's environmental report and the comments of various Federal, State and local agencies concerning the environmental effects associated with the proposed facility. A notice of the availability of the statement (copies enclosed) is being forwarded to the Office of the Federal Register for filing and publication.

Sincerely,

(Signed) H. L. Price

Harold L. Price
 Director of Regulation

Enclosures: (6)

1. Environmental Statement
 Dresden NPS Unit 3 (6 cyps)
2. Federal Register Notice

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