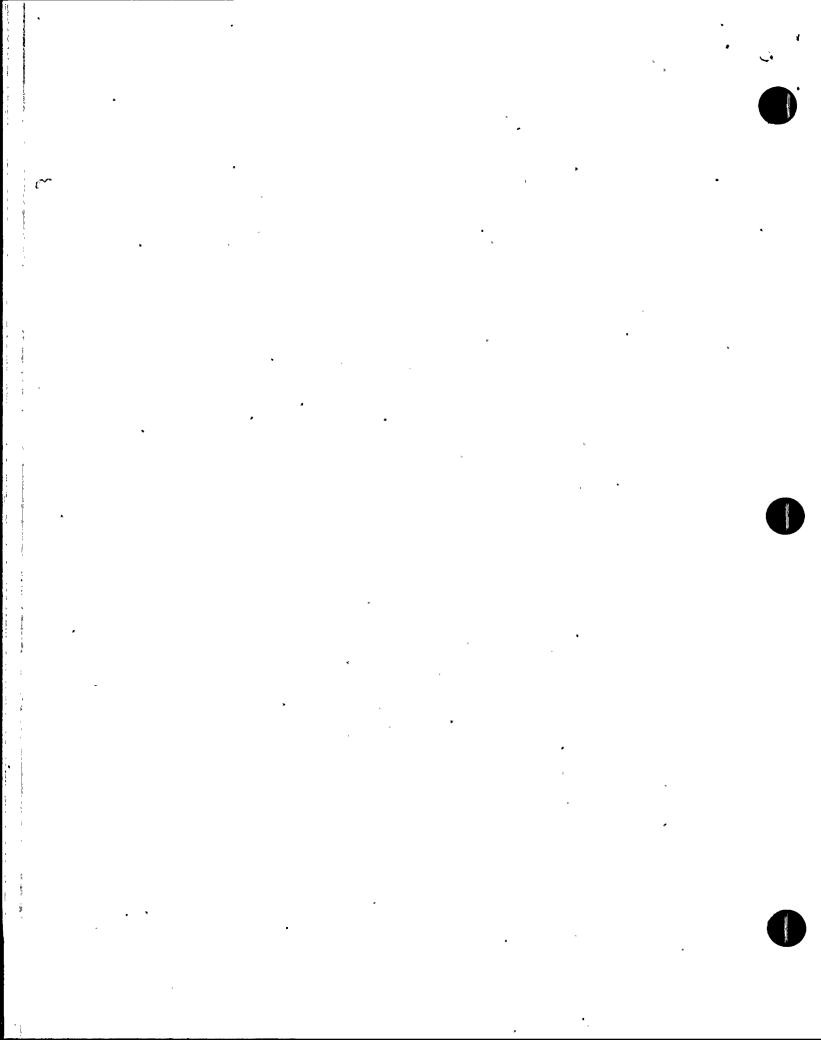
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SUBJECT: NRC INSPECTION REPORT 50-528/98-15; 50-529/98-15; 50-530/98-15

Dear Mr. Levine:

From May 21 through June 30, 1998, a reactive inspection was performed at your Palo Verde Nuclear Generating Station, Units 1, 2, and 3, reactor facilities following a Unit 1 letdown line crack and leak of reactor coolant. Additional in office inspection was performed, at varying periods, from July 1 through August 6, 1998, to review additional information provided by your staff regarding the ongoing equipment root cause of failure evaluations. The results of this inspection were discussed with you, and other members of your staff, during a telephonic exit meeting on August 6, 1998. The enclosed report presents the scope and results of that inspection.

The inspectors determined that appropriate prompt corrective actions were taken by licensee personnel for the event.

In accordance with 10 CFR 2.790 of the NRC's "Rules of Practice," a copy of this letter and its enclosure will be placed in the NRC Public Document Room (PDR).

Should you have any questions concerning this inspection, we will be pleased to discuss them with you.

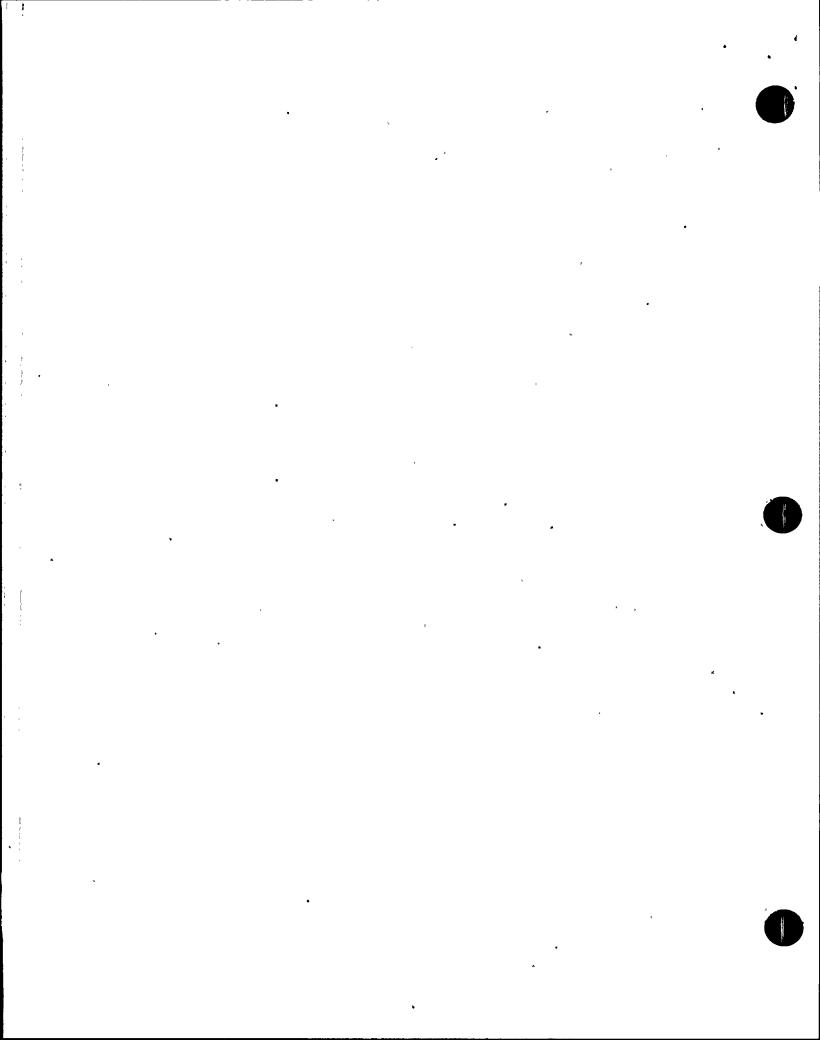
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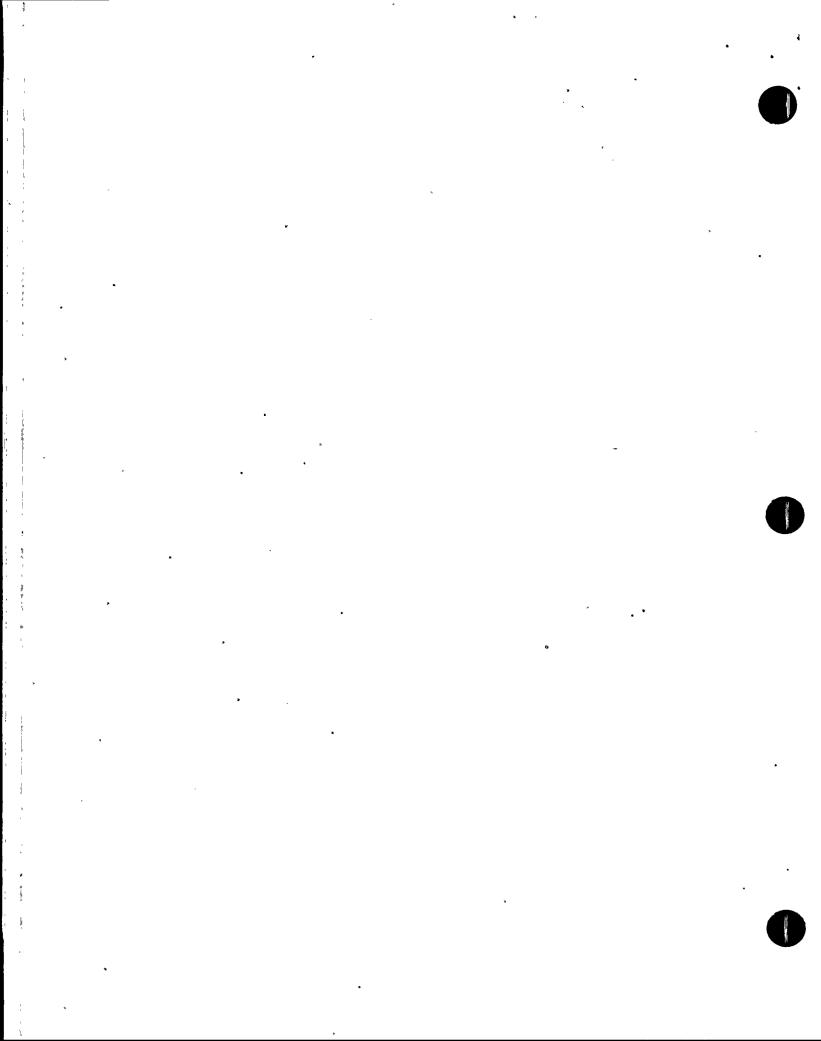
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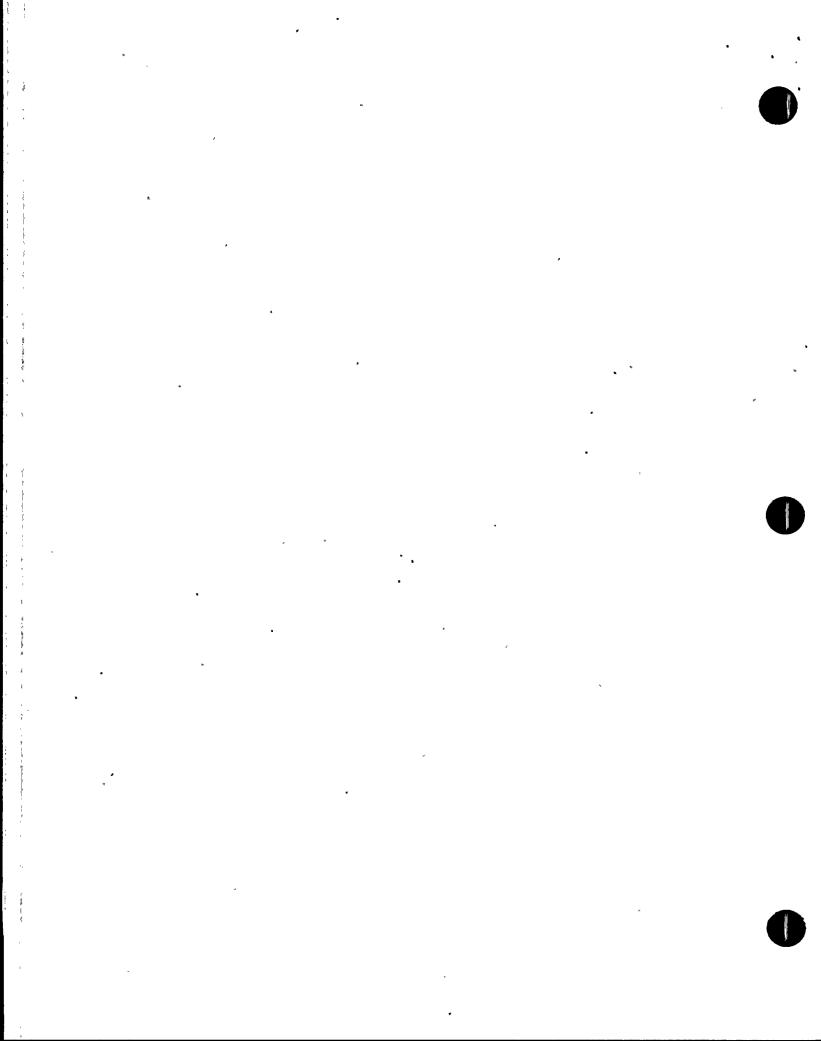


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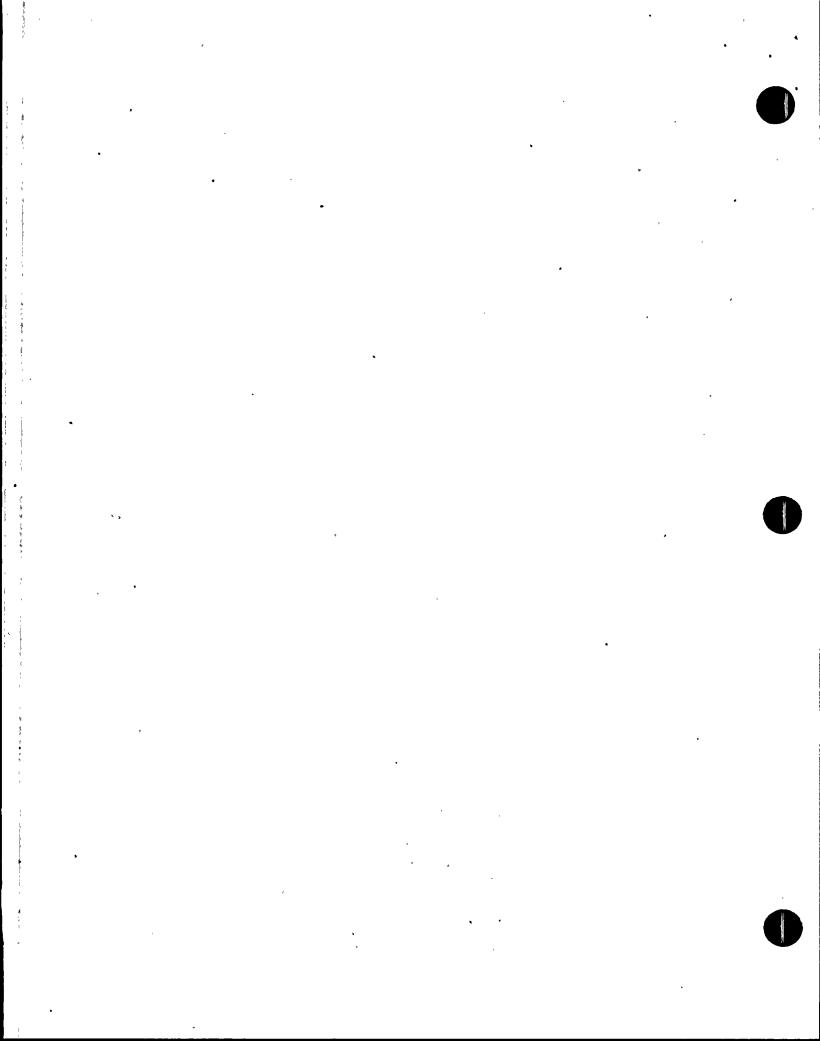
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