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SUBJECT: Forwards insp rept 30-315/96-14 & 50-316/96-14 on 961123.
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January 22, 1997

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SUBJECT: NRC INSPECTION REPORT 50-315/316-96014(DRP)
AND NOTICE OF VIOLATION

Dear Mr. Fitzpatrick:

On November 23, 1996, the NRC completed an inspection at your D. C. Cook 1 and 2 reactor facilities. The enclosed report presents the results of that inspection.

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Sincerely,

/s/John A. Grobe for

James L. Caldwell, Director
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Docket Nos.: 50-315, 50-316
License Nos: DPR-58, DPR-74

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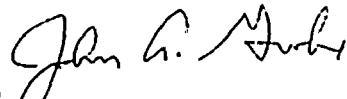
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