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Mr. J. H. Ferguson
Executive Vice President - Power
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Dear Mr. Ferguson:

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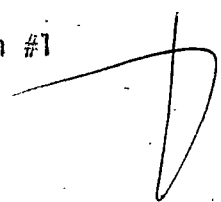
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Your assistance in this study is deeply appreciated.

Sincerely,

Original signed by:
S. A. Varga

Steven A. Varga, Chief
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