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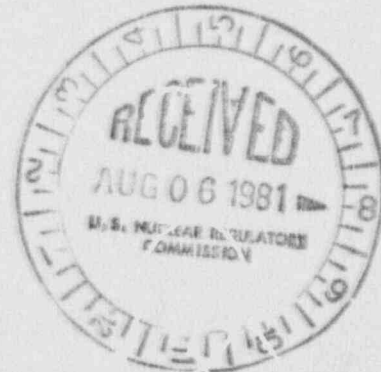
Dear Mr. MacDonald:

During a phone conversation on May 22, 1981 with Tom McKenna of my staff, you asked that the Nuclear Regulatory Commission clarify the extent to which the Commonwealth of Massachusetts must participate in the upcoming exercise at Yankee Rowe and Vermont Yankee to meet the requirements of 10 CFR 50, Appendix E. It is our understanding that the exercises at Vermont Yankee and Yankee Rowe will be full-scale exercises of the up-graded emergency plans to be held in November 1981 and February 1982 respectively. The Commonwealth of Massachusetts will fully exercise their plan during the Pilgrim exercise in March 1982. Although 10 CFR 50, Appendix E only requires that a State participate in one full-scale exercise a year, we strongly recommend that Massachusetts also exercise with both Vermont Yankee and Yankee Rowe for the first time around under the new requirements in order for FEMA to be able to adequately evaluate the state of offsite preparedness around both sites.

Sincerely,

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