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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION
REGION IV
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ARLINGTON, TEXAS 76012

August 10, 1979

In Reply Refer To:
Docket No. 50-128/79-01

Texas A&M University
ATTN: Dr. Robert R. Berg, Director
Office of University Research
College Station, Texas 77843

Gentlemen:

This refers to the inspection conducted by Mr. R. A. Caldwell of the Region IV Office on July 12-13, 1979, of activities authorized by NRC License No. R-83 for the Nuclear Science Center and to his discussion of the findings with members of your staff at the conclusion of this inspection.

The areas examined during this inspection was your program for protecting against industrial sabotage and safeguarding special nuclear material pursuant to applicable provisions of 10 CFR 50, "Licensing of Production and Utilization Facilities"; Part 73, "Physical Protection of Plants and Materials"; and specific requirements of NRC License No. R-83. Within this area, the inspection consisted of selective examinations of procedures and records, interviews with personnel, observations by the inspector and review of the Physical Security Plan for the Nuclear Science Center.

During this inspection it was found that one of your activities was not conducted in full compliance with NRC requirements, as set forth in the Notice of Violation, enclosed herewith as Enclosure 1. This notice is sent to you pursuant to the provisions of Section 2.201 of the NRC's "Rules of Practice," Part 2, Title 10, "Code of Federal Regulations." Section 2.201 requires you to submit to this office, within 20 days of your receipt of this notice, a written statement or explanation in reply including: (1) corrective steps which will be taken, and the results achieved; (2) corrective steps which will be taken to avoid further noncompliance; and (3) the date when full compliance will be achieved.

We are concerned about the implementation of your program for management control of your licensed activities that permitted this item of noncompliance to occur particularly since it is a repeat item. Consequently, in your reply you should describe, in particular, those actions taken or planned to improve the effectiveness of your management control of the requirements of your license. This additional response on your part is in lieu of stronger enforcement action available to us, and your response will be the basis for developing the need for possible further action.

In accordance with Section 2.790(d) of the NRC's "Rules of Practice," Part 2, Title 10, Code of Federal Regulations, documentation of findings of your

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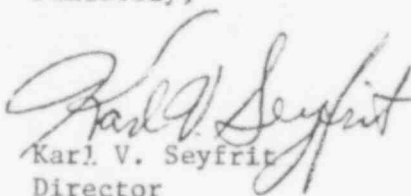
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control and accounting procedures for safeguarding special nuclear materials and your facility security procedures are exempt from disclosure; therefore, the inspection report will not be placed in the Public Document Room and will receive limited distribution.

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

Sincerely,



Karl V. Seyfrit
Director

Enclosure:

1. Notice of Violation
2. IE Inspection Report No. 50-128/79-01

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