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IN RESPONSE REFER TO FOIA-79-111

Dear Mr. Cramer:

This is in response to your letter dated April 9, 1979, in which you requested, pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act, (1) transcripts or reports of interviews conducted by NRC and (2) the report of Metropolitan Edison's Internal Investigation Committee.

Portions of the transcripts of interviews conducted by the Office of Inspection and Enforcement staff are being withheld from public disclosure pursuant to Exemption (7)(D) of the Freedom of Information Act (5 U.S.C. 552(b)(7)(D)) and 10 CFR 9.5(a)(7)(iv) of the Commission's regulations, because disclosure of the information would reveal the identity of a confidential source. The non-exempt portions of these documents have been placed in the NRC Public Document Room, 1717 H Street, N.W., Washington, DC.

Pursuant to 10 CFR 9.9 of the Commission's regulations, it has been determined that the information withheld is exempt from production or disclosure, and that its production or disclosure is contrary to the public interest. The persons responsible for this denial are the undersigned and Mr. Victor Stello, Director, Office of Inspection and Enforcement.

This denial may be appealed to the Commission's Executive Director for Operations within 30 days from the receipt of this letter. As provided in 10 CFR 9.11, any such appeal must be in writing, addressed to the Executive Director for Operations, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555 and should clearly state on the envelope and in the letter that it is an "Appeal from an Initial FOIA Decision."

With respect to the second part of your request, we cannot locate any such document in our files.

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J.M. Felton, Director Division of Rules and Records

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