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The following item(s) are being withheld from public disclosure pursuant to the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended, and the Energy Reorganization Act of 1974.

Enclosure to Letter to University of Missouri dated August 10, 1979.

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University of Missouri ATTN: Mr. Don Alger Associate Director Research Reactor Facility Research Park Columbia, Missouri 65201

Gentlemen:

This is in regard to your request for approval of routes to be used for shipments of spent fuel from Columbia, Missouri, to the Savannah Power Plant of the Department of Energy, as contained in your letter of July 12, 1979.

We have determined that your "primary" route does not meet the requirements of 10 CFR 73.37(a)(3) in that the route passes through several areas that are considered to be heavily populated. Accordingly, the use of this "primary" route is disapproved inasmuch as a practicable alternate route is available.

The route designated as "proposed alternate" is judged to meet regulatory requirements, except as noted below, and accordingly is approved. The portion of the "alternate" route between Cape Girardeau, Missouri, and Paducah, Kentucky, passes over a bridge under construction which may result in an extended delay bypass has been found by the staff and is identified on the route overview

The initial arrangements with local law enforcement agencies along the route, as required by \$73.37(a)(2), have been completed by the NRC staff. Data relating to these arrangements and a copy of the approved route are enclosed. This information is to be incorporated into your shipment plan and provided to your carriers along with instructions regarding its use.

Please note that all requirements of \$73.37 must be implemented after September 14, 1979. Also, you are reminded that the notification requirements of 10 CFR 73.72 for each individual shipment still apply. SGPL:DJK 50-186

Since your proposal contains information of a type specified in 10 CFR 2.790(d), it is deemed to be commercial or financial information within the meaning of 10 CFR 9.5(a)(4) and shall be subject to disclosure only in accordance with the provisions of 10 CFR 9.12. For the same reason, the enclosure to this letter is being withheld.

Sincerely,

Chory W. M. Conthe

George W. McCorkle, Chief Physical Security Licensing Branch Division of Safeguards

Enclosure: As stated