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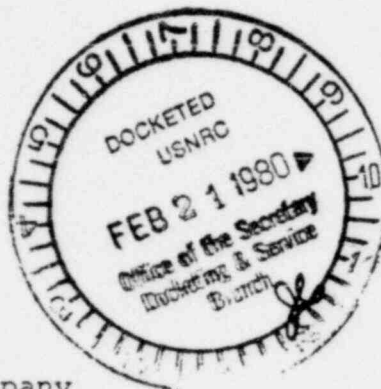
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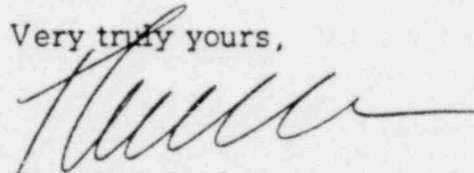
Re: Metropolitan Edison Company
(Three Mile Island Unit No. 1 - Restart)
Docket No. 50-289

Dear Chairman Smith:

At the special pre-hearing conference, I spoke about being forced by Licensee's counsel into a difficult deposition schedule. Although we were, in effect, forced into that schedule, it was not because of Licensee's counsel but, rather, arose from the uncertainty as to whether the original February 16, 1980 discovery deadline would permit us to continue previously scheduled depositions after that date. To the extent that Licensee's counsel was maligned by my statements, I apologize to him and to this Board.

We have always had an excellent working relationship with counsel for the Licensee, and hope to continue that relationship in the future.

Very truly yours,


Theodore A. Adler

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