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February 25, 1980

Office of Inspection & Enforcement
U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Region II
101 Marietta St., N. W., Suite 3100
Atlanta, Georgia 30303

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ATTENTION: Mr. J. P. O'Reilly, Director

Dear Mr. O'Reilly:

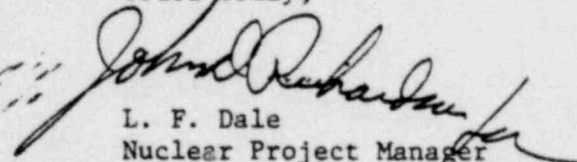
SUBJECT: Grand Gulf Nuclear Station
Units 1 and 2
Docket Nos. 50-416/417
File 0272/1525/15526
PRD-80/01, Status Report
CR2940 Handswitch Failure
AECM-80/49

On January 25, 1980, Mississippi Power & Light Company notified Mr. M. J. Gouge of your office of a potentially reportable deficiency at the Grand Gulf Nuclear Station construction site. The deficiency concerns the failure of handswitch CR2940-US203E supplied by General Electric. The preliminary investigation reveals that during testing the switch failed to spring return to neutral position. The switch in question was associated with non-safety related equipment.

We are currently coordinating investigations with Bechtel and General Electric as to the nature of this failure, the extent of use of this type switch at Grand Gulf Nuclear Station, safety implications, if any, and required corrective action.

We expect to provide a determination on the reportability of this issue no later than April 15, 1980.

Yours truly,


L. F. Dale
Nuclear Project Manager

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