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RECORD OF TELEPHONE CONVERSATION

Monday, August 20, 1979

8:15 a.m. - 8:25 a.m.

Mr. Lou Narrows
Reactor Construction Inspector
IE Region I
8-488-1285

I called Lou to find out the background behind a statement in a letter from Met Ed to Region I. The letter from R. C. Arnold, dated March 16, 1977, was in response to IE Inspection Report No. 50-320/77-02.

The statement referencing schedule pressures is enclosed.

Shortly after the site inspection, R. W. (Dick) Heward, then the GPU Project Manager, called Lou Narrows to discuss the unusually large number (three) of noncompliances. This was normal procedure for Heward, who apparently liked to find out the inspector's point of view and insight into the causes for the noncompliances. No record was made of the phone conversation.

Lou recalls that "we knew they were under pressure to get the job completed." Asked how he knew, Lou responded that they (IE) knew the licensee was behind schedule, knew from the Site Construction Manager, W. T. (Bill) Gunn, that he was pushing hard to complete construction, and further the inspectors could see a buildup of manpower especially in the electrical area, which is normally the last item to be completed.

Lou reports that IE inspections at that time focused on the qualifications of licensee electrical inspectors, and that IE encouraged the licensee to bring on additional inspectors. IE knew the licensee was pushing hard and IE wanted to make sure that the quality of the construction program did not suffer.

Heward and Gunn were responsible for establishing the schedule subject to approval at the V.P. level.

Lou felt that even though there was pressure for completion, there was nothing unusual or detrimental about it.

R. L. Vandenberg

Enclosure:
Statement

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