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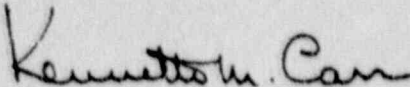
November 30, 1989

The Honorable ~~John~~ BreauX, Chairman  
Subcommittee on Nuclear Regulation  
Committee on the Environment and Public Works  
U.S. Senate  
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Dear Mr. Chairman:

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Sincerely,

  
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Enclosures: As Stated

cc: Senator Alan K. Simpson

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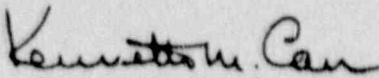
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United States Senate  
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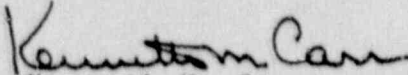
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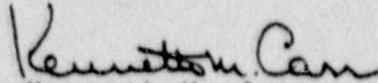
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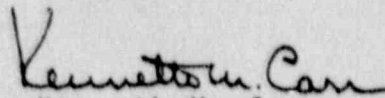
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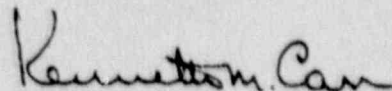
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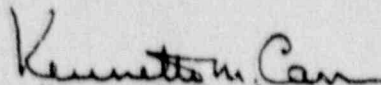
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Committee on Government Operations  
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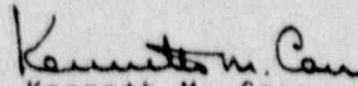
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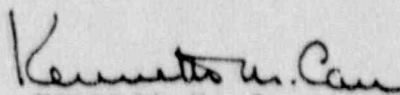
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U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission Comments  
on the Office of the Inspector General  
Semi-Annual Report for the Period April 15, 1989 - September 30, 1989

The Inspector General Act of 1978, as amended, requires the head of the agency to transmit the semi-annual reports on the agency's Inspector General (IG) to the appropriate committees and subcommittees of Congress within 30 days after receipt of the report, together with a report by the head of the agency containing any comments such agency head determines appropriate. OIG's semi-annual report for the period April - September 1989 identified two audit recommendations for which no management decision was made by the end of the reporting period.

On March 12, 1985, former Office of Inspector and Auditor (OIA) forwarded to the Commission an audit report entitled "Use of Consultants at Waterford," which examined NRC's contracting for consultants to assist the inspection team at the Waterford Nuclear Power Plant. In the report, OIA recommended that the Director, Office of Investigations, in coordination with the Executive Director for Operations, prepare a paper asking the Commission's opinion on whether to pursue a policy of paying individuals for information as part of an investigation. For a variety of reasons, action on this recommendation was deferred. Because the issue involved is important to the OIG as well as to the staff, resolution of this issue should be coordinated with the recently confirmed NRC Inspector General. The Office of General Counsel and the NRC staff will prepare a plan and timetable for resolving this recommendation, coordinate their proposal with OIG, and submit it to the Commission for resolution.

An audit report entitled "Review of NRC's Systematic Assessment of Licensee Performance (SALP) Program" (OIG-87A-21) was issued to the Commission on August 15, 1989. The purpose of the audit was to determine if the SALP program was being carried out as designed and if it was providing the benefits intended. OIG made several recommendations to agency management. However, the NRC staff disagreed with the second recommendation, which was elevated to the Commission for resolution on August 25, 1989. This recommendation related to the need for a consistent policy regarding SALP reviews for nuclear power plants that are shut down because of safety problems and the need for an unacceptable SALP rating for these plants. In accordance with the Commission's direction issued on October 5, 1989, the Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation is currently developing a paper addressing the issues involved and a proposed policy on this matter. Once this report is received, the Commission will decide what additional action may be necessary on this matter.

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