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Docket Nos. 50-289
50-320

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Gentlemen:

Subject: Combined Inspection 50-289/80-08; 50-320/80-05

This refers to the inspection conducted by Messrs. D. Haverkamp, R. Conte and M. Shanbaky of this office on March 17 - April 30, 1980, at Three Mile Island Nuclear Station, Units 1 and 2, Middletown, Pennsylvania, of activities authorized by NRC License Nos. DPR-50 and DPR-73 and to the discussions of our findings held by Mr. Haverkamp with Mr. G. Troffer and other members of your staff and by Mr. Fasano of this office with Mr. J. Barton and other members of your staff at the conclusion of the inspection.

Areas examined during this inspection period are described in the Office of Inspection and Enforcement Inspection Report which is enclosed with this letter. Within these areas, the inspection consisted of selective examinations of procedures and representative records, interviews with licensee and contractor personnel, measurements made by the inspectors, and observations by the inspectors.

Within the scope of this inspection, no items of noncompliance were observed. However, we note that on April 30, 1980, a duly authorized NRC inspector whose identity was well known to the plant staff experienced an undue delay in gaining access to the Unit 2 Control Room. We have reviewed this situation and have concluded that circumstances beyond the control of the plant staff may have contributed to the delay in access to the inspector. We direct your attention to 10 CFR 50.70(b)(3) which requires, in part, that immediate unfettered access be afforded to NRC inspectors. You should ensure that measures are implemented to preclude such situations in the future.

In accordance with Section 2.790 of the NRC's "Rules of Practice," Part 2, Title 10, Code of Federal Regulations, a copy of this letter and the enclosed inspection report will be placed in the NRC's Public Document Room. If this report contains any information that you (or your contractor) believe to be proprietary, it is necessary that you make a written application within 20 days to the office to withhold such information from public disclosure. Any such application must be accompanied by an affidavit executed by the owner of the

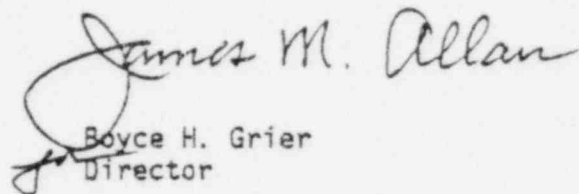
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information, which identified the document or part sought to be withheld, and which contains a statement of reasons which addresses with specificity the items which will be considered by the Commission as listed in subparagraph (b) (4) of Section 2.790. The information sought to be withheld shall be incorporated as far as possible into a separate part of the affidavit. If we do not hear from you in this regard within the specified period, the report will be placed in the Public Document Room.

No reply to this letter is required; however, should you have any questions concerning this inspection, we will be pleased to discuss them with you.

Sincerely,


Boyce H. Grier
Director

Enclosure:

1. Office of Inspection and Enforcement Combined Inspection Report
Numbers 50-289/80-08 and 50-320/80-05

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