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December 30, 1980

Docket No. 50-187

Northrop Corporation Northrop Research and Technology Center One Research Park Palos Verdes Peninsula, California 90274

Attention: Dr. Walter E. Crandall, Chairman Corporate Radiation Committee

Gentlemen:

Subject: Inspection of Northrop Corporation

This refers to the inspection conducted by Messrs. P. Morrill and J. Carlson of this office on November 24-26, 1980, of activities authorized by NRC License No. R-90 and to the discussion of our findings held by Messrs. Morrill and Carlson with Dr. Crandall at the conclusion of the inspection.

Areas examined during this inspection are described in the enclosed inspection report. Within these areas, the inspection consisted of selective examinations of procedures and representative records, interviews with personnel, and observations by the inspectors.

Based on the results of this inspection, it appears that certain of your activities were not conducted in full compliance with NRC requirements, as set forth in the Notice of Violation, enclosed herewith as Appendix A.

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 believe to be proprietary, it is necessary that you submit a written application to this office, within 20 days of the date of this letter, requesting that such information be withheld from public disclosure. The application must include a full statement of the reasons why it is claimed that the information is proprietary. The application should be prepared so that any proprietary information identified is contained in an enclosure to the application, since the application without the enclosure will also be placed in the Public Document Room. If we do not hear from you in this regard within the specified period, one report will be placed in the Public Document Room.

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Should you have any questions concerning this inspection, we will be glad to discuss them with you.

Sincerely.

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Enclosures: A. Notice of Violation B. IE Inspection Report No. 50-187/80-02