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 RIV "PMS" case warrants they will
 request OI re-open this matter with
 higher priority.

UNITED STATES
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 WASHINGTON, D. C. 20555
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MEMORANDUM FOR: Thomas E. Murley, Director
 Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation

FROM: James G. Partlow, Director
 Division of Reactor Inspection and Safeguards
 Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation

SUBJECT: ADMINISTRATIVE CLOSURE OF CASE NUMBER (Q1-86-005)
 (TELEMECANIQUE SUSPECTED OF FALSIFICATION OF CERTIFICATES
 OF CONFORMANCE FOR MOTOR CONTROL CENTERS SUPPLIED TO
 VARIOUS NUCLEAR POWER STATIONS)

The Office of Investigations (OI) Field Office, Region 1, in response to our request dated February 5, 1986, initiated an investigation into whether Telemecanique furnished fraudulent Certificates of Conformance (CoC). OI is unable to pursue this matter further due to lack of resources, and informs us that the case is being administratively closed.

Our request was initiated based on the results of an inspection conducted by the Vendor Program Branch during November 1-9, 1984, to verify the implementation of Telemecanique's quality assurance program. Telemecanique was known as Gould, Incorporated at that time. The inspection was conducted to ensure that motor control centers (MCCs) assembled by Telemecanique utilized components such as circuit breakers and starters that were manufactured under a quality assurance (QA) program compatible with 10 CFR 50 Appendix B and subsequently tested to verify that the components met the applicable procurement specifications. The inspection was based on various problems that had been reported by nuclear power stations relative to molded case circuit breakers and trip units manufactured by ITE/Siemens-Allis, Bellefontaine, Ohio and motor starters manufactured by another Telemecanique plant. The inspection determined that Telemecanique's QA program failed to meet Criterion VII, XI and XVIII of Appendix B to 10 CFR 50. Vendors of Class 1E equipment are required to assure that commercial grade material, purchased from their subvendors, is suitable for the intended application. In a separate inspection at Siemens-Allis, the inspector determined that the molded case circuit breakers supplied to Telemecanique were commercial grade. The inspection at Telemecanique identified that without performing appropriate dedication to verify that the circuit breakers met the minimum functional requirements for their intended 1E application, Telemecanique was supplying CoC's stating that the circuit breakers met the requirements of IEEE-323 and 344.

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On March 29, 1988, Region IV informed NRR/DRIS of a newly identified case of vendor product quality in which Telemecanique may be involved. Accordingly, DRIS is not ready to address closure of the original case until the more recent information has been evaluated.

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