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## Gentlemen:

In reviewing the Affidavit of four NRC Staff members which was attached to the April 29, 1982 "NRC Staff Response to Second Late Intervention Petition of Fairfield United Action", I noted a possible ambiguity in paragraph 18 on page 7 of the Affidavit. The possible ambiguity appears in the references to "5% of full power" in the first two sentences, and specifically in the second sentence which reads: "The Staff will address the Applicants' detailed program for interim operation at power levels in excess of 5% of full power at a later date." I have discussed this matter with Staff Counsel, Mr. Goldberg, and confirmed (1) that any such Staff discussion of interim operation in excess of 5% of full power would be expected to be submitted to the Commission in connection with its review of authorized operation in excess of 5% power pursuant to 10 C.F.R. §2.764(f)(2), and (2) that the Staff does not

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contemplate by the quoted sentence making any further submission for action by the Licensing Board in this regard.

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