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The attached raport of a special inspection of the subject facility by Mr. J. P. Stohr on March 29 - April 1, 1971, made in conjunction with the licensee's request to convert their operating license to a "possess but not operate" category, is forwarded for Headquarters distribution.

This report provides the supporting details to a telecon with Mr. Rizzo on April 1, 1971, and a followup TWX submitted to you on April 5, 1971, in which it was recommended that the then pending issuance of Amendment 9 to the operating license (conversion to possess but not operate) be consummated. Four exceptions to the licensee's desctivation report were identified; however, these items were considered by Region I not to be pertinent to the pending licensing action. It is noted that Amendment 9 to the license was issued on April 3, 1971.

The inspection also included a review of plant operations since the last inspection. This review revealed four items of noncompliance, three of which were of limited significance in light of the deactivated status of the plant. The fourth item pertains to the lack of records of radioactive liquid releases. The report provides the probable explanation for this situation. We have no indication that limits were exceeded, so that it appears to be simply a matter of supportive documentation. An AEC Form 592 has been issued calling for a response to the last item only. Its our understanding that the licensee has an investigation underway and is hopeful of being able to reconstruct the records as necessary should they not locate the original records.

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