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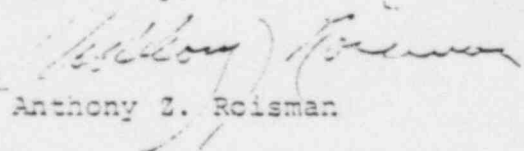
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212 949-0043Howard K. Shapar, Executive Legal Director
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Dear Messrs. Shapar and Gossick:

It has recently been drawn to my attention that my concern about the disclosure by the Staff of consultants' reports which suggest unsafe conditions at nuclear facilities should not be limited merely to the question of containment buckling criteria. By letter dated September 19, 1978, the Staff counsel in the Pacific Gas & Electric Company (Diablo Canyon) operating license proceeding advised the Board and parties of the existence of a consultant's memorandum dealing with the problem of asymmetric loads during blowdown following a loss of coolant accident, which had been in the hands of the Staff since November 4, 1977. Once again it appears that the Staff, for reasons unknown to the public, chose to hold in its hands a report, the implications of which were clearly relevant to the licensing of a number of nuclear power plants.

I therefore once again reiterate my request to you to come forward with a written explanation for the Staff policy with respect to this issue. I am aware that Mr. Matson has attempted to reach me by phone on this subject and regret that my schedule has not made it possible for me to return his call. Nonetheless, I want to stress that I cannot consider an oral response a satisfactory substitute for a written statement.

Sincerely,


Anthony Z. Roisman

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cc (with enclosure):

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