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Division of Licensing and Regulation
USAEC, Washington 25, D. C.

DATE: JUN 29 1960

FROM : J. E. Travis, Manager
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USAEC, Richland, Washington

SUBJECT: NONCOMPLIANCE REINSPECTION REPORT - 10-CFR-40 - WAH CHANG
CORPORATION, ALBANY, OREGON - LICENSE NO. C-4589

G. M. Waggoner, Acting

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Enclosed is one copy of the noncompliance reinspection report pertaining to the subject licensee.

The Wah Chang Corporation used thorium oxide as a refractory agent in induction furnaces until August 24, 1959. The source material was removed from the furnaces and is now in storage pending transfer or sale. The locked shed in which the thorium oxide is stored was not posted as required nor were the containers labeled as containing radioactive materials. The items of noncompliance were discussed with Mr. Jones, the assistant manager for manufacturing. He stated the shed and containers would be posted as specified. The records of surveys and inventory were not available at the time of the inspection due to the supervisor in charge being on vacation. These were received by mail on June 22, 1960.

The licensee (Mr. Jones) was cooperative and appeared to be radiation safety conscious. It is suggested that a letter be directed to Mr. Jones noting the items of noncompliance and requesting his verification as to their correction. No follow-up inspection is recommended.

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