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In the Matter of
Long Island Lighting Company
(Shoreham Nuclear Power Station, Unit 1)
Docket No. 50-322 (OL)

Dear Mr. Miller:

This is in further response to your letter to me dated September 16, 1982, which requested that the NRC initiate discussions with the FBI to explore any and all ways to make the FBI's fingerprint identification service available to LILCO.

As I advised in my letter to you dated September 21, 1982, your request was forwarded by me to the Commission's Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards (NMSS). That office in replying to me as regards your request has noted the following:

- 1. The NRC does not at this time require an FBI fingerprint check for employment or unescorted access at a power reactor.
- While this procedure is recommended in guidance supporting a <u>draft</u> proposed rule, the Commission has not yet reviewed and approved such a rule for publication.
- 3. It is anticipated that the NRC will be sponsoring legislation (in the next session of Congress) that would permit power reactor licensees to apply directly to the FBI for fingerprint checks.

In the interim, the Commission has determined (42 Fed. Reg. 10836, February 24, 1977) that screening programs fashioned after the criteria contained in ANSI N18.17, section 4.3, are adequate for the protection of

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power reactors. Accordingly, NMSS has recommended that your request not be pursued with the FBI.

Sincerely,

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