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Commonwealth Edison Company
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Gentlemen:

This refers to the investigation conducted by Messrs. J. E. Foster and W. J. Key of this office on April 3-6, 18-21, and May 4-5, 1978, into the quality of reactor components to be utilized at the La Salle Nuclear Power Plant, Units 1 and 2 authorized by NRC Construction Permits No. CPPR-99 and No. CPPR-100.

This investigation was conducted due to concerns expressed by one of our inspectors relative to reactor core internals manufactured by the Sun Shipbuilding and Drydock Company. These concerns applied to several reactor sites, and were related to equipment at the La Salle sites. The enclosed copy of our investigation report identifies the areas examined during the investigation. Within those areas, the investigation consisted of a selective examination of procedures and representative records, observations, and interviews with personnel.

No items of noncompliance with NRC requirements were identified during the course of the investigation. However, it is of some concern that there apparently had been some breakdown of the quality control program of the vendor which had not been detected and corrected previously. We are aware that General Electric Company has performed a re-inspection of the affected equipment to identify any existing nonconformances, and have no current safety concerns.

In accordance with Section 2.790 of the NRC's "Rules of Practice," Part 2, Title 10, Code of Federal Regulations, a copy of this letter and the enclosed investigation report will be placed in the NRC's Public Document Room, except as follows. If this report contains information that you or your contractors believe to be proprietary, you must apply in writing to this office, within twenty days of your receipt of this letter, to withhold such information from public disclosure. The application must include a full statement of the

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reasons for which the information is considered proprietary, and should be prepared so that proprietary information identified in the application is contained in an enclosure to the application.

We will gladly discuss any questions you have concerning this investigation.

Sincerely,

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Director

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