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Docket Nos. 50-20 70-89 70-194 70-95 70-938

Massachusetts Institute of Technology Research Reactor ATTN: Mr. Lincoln Clark, Jr. Director of Reactor Operations 138 Albany Street Cambridge, Massachusetts 02139

Gentlemen:

Subject: Combined Inspection 50-20/78-04; 70-89, 70-194, 70-95, 70-938/78-02

This refers to the inspection conducted by Mr. D. J. Holody of this office on August 9-11, 1978, at your Cambridge, Massachusetts, and Middleton, Massachusetts facilities, of activities authorized by NRC License Nos. R-37, SNM-83, SNM-986, SNM-81 and SNM-171 and to the discussions of our findings held by Mr. Holody with yourself at the conclusion of the inspection, and to a subsequent telephone discussion between Mr. Holody and yourself on August 16, 1978.

Areas examined during this inspection are described in the Office of Inspection and Enforcement Inspection Report which is enclosed with this letter. Within these areas, the inspection consisted of selective examinations of procedures and representative records, interviews with personnel, and observations by the inspector.

Within the scope of this inspection, no items of noncompliance were observed.

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 inspection report will be placed in the NRC's Public Document Room. If this report contains any information that you (or your contractor) believe to be proprietary, it is necessary that you make a written application within 20 days to this office to withhold such information from public disclosure. Any such application must be accompanied by an affidavit executed by the owner of the information, which identifies the document or part sought to be withheld, and which contains a statement

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of reasons which addresses with specificity the items which will be considered by the Commission as listed in subparagraph (b)(4) of Section 2.790. The information sought to be withheld shall be incorporated as far as possible into a separate part of the affidavit. If we do not hear from you in this regard within the specified period, the report will be placed in the Public Document Room.

No reply to this letter is required; however, should you have any questions concerning this inspection, we will be pleased to discuss them with you.

Sincerely,

Walter G. Martin, Chief Safeguards Branch

Enclosure: Office of Inspection and Enforcement Combined Inspection 50-20/78-04; 70-89, 70-194, 70-95, 70-938/78-02

cc w/encl:

Dr. O. K. Harling, Director of the Reactor Laboratory