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Dear Mr. Haughney:

In response to your letter dated December 12, 1990 and confirming my conversation of January 03, 1991 with Mr. Amar Datta of your staff, please be advised that Florida Institute of Technology was closed for the Christmas Holidays from December 08, 1990 and did not receive your letter until our reopening on January 02, 1991.

I have had several conversations with Mr. Datta and have reiterated the University is just becoming acquainted with the requirements of 10 CFR 70.25 and had only just received a copy of Regulatory Guide 3.66 concerning the standard format content of Financial Assurance Mechanisms for Decommissioning referred to by Mr. Datta.

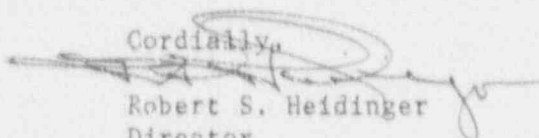
As of this date there has been several meetings between our Radiation Safety Officer, the Business Manager, the person in charge of the reactor and myself. Additionally, our Radiation Safety Officer has made numerous phone calls to gather more background on our source including calls to Oak Ridge to try and expedite its removal.

Another meeting has been called on 10 January 1991 at 2:00 p.m. which will include a higher level and broader cross-section of Administrative Staff members to develop the appropriate response to the above mentioned regulations.

Mr. Datta recommended that I write this letter acknowledging receipt of your correspondence and stating the current status of an F.I.T. response. Following the meeting on the 10th a more detailed response to your letter will be forthcoming.

On behalf of the University, I apologize for any inconvenience or misunderstanding that might be perceived in the delay in responding to your office.

Cordially,



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