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Dear Mr. Morisi:

This is in response to your letter of May 5, 1982 appealing our previous denial of the use of a particular combination padlock.

We have reviewed your appeal and still find that your proposed combination padlock is unacceptable for securing unclassified Safeguards Information within a controlled access area. Regulatory Guide 5.12 sets forth the criteria acceptable to the staff for locks used in the protection of NRC-licensed nuclear activities. Section C.2. specifically addresses combination padlocks.

Additional security measures, e.g., alarm systems, 24-hour guard posts, etc., implemented in conjunction with the use of your proposed padlock may provide comparable protection to a Security Storage Container as identified in 10 CFR 73.2(mm). It should be understood, however, that the additional measures would become part of the inspectable Safeguards Information protection program for Boston Edison Company and would have to be properly compensated for when the measures were inoperative or unavailable. If you wish to pursue this approach, a description of the overall information protection system should be submitted to the NRC for review and approval.

The enclosures to your letter contain Safeguards Information of a type specified in 10 CFR 73.21 and are being withheld from public disclosure.

Should you have any questions concerning this matter, please contact Mr. Donald J. Kasun at (301) 427-4383.

Sincerely,

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