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February 1, 1978

Mr. Wayne R. Vriesman, President Radio Television News Directors Association 1735 DeSales Street, NW Washington, DC 20036

Dear Mr. Vriesman:

On September 30, 1977, Chairman Hendrie wrote to you concerning camera coverage of proceedings before our Atomic Safety and Licensing Boards and Atomic Safety and Licensing Appeal Boards.

At that time, Chairman Hendrie noted that the Commission would be taking a fresh look at its camera policy. That review now has been completed and the Commission has decided that, on a trial basis, it will permit camera coverage of these proceedings under certain conditions. I am hopeful that this trial period will demonstrate that camera coverage can be carried out without unacceptable distractions to the boards and the participants.

Copies of the Commission's Statement of Policy and of our public announcement on this matter are enclosed.

Sincerely.

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Joseph J. Fouchard, Director Office of Public Affairs

Enclosures: As stated

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