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October 22, 1982

Tennessee Valley Authority
ATTN: Mr. H. G. Parris
Manager of Power
500A Chestnut Street Tower II
Chattanooga, TN 37401

Gentlemen:

Subject: Report Nos. 50-259/82-36, 50-260/82-36 and 50-296/82-36

A special inspection was conducted by Mr. A. Tillman of this office on September 8-9, 1982, at your Browns Ferry Nuclear Plant. The purpose of this inspection was to verify and evaluate your corrective actions regarding failure to comply with procedural requirements for providing positive control of access to a vital area, reported telephonically to the NRC by the Browns Ferry Nuclear Plant on September 3, 1982.

The findings of this special inspection, which are documented in the enclosed report, indicated that the security degradation resulted from a violation of regulatory requirements. These findings were discussed with Mr. G. Jones, Plant Superintendent, on September 9, 1982.

Failure to provide positive access control to a vital area is normally categorized as a Severity Level III Violation (10 CFR 2, Appendix C, Supplement III). However, after careful evaluation of the circumstances surrounding the insecure status of the vital area door including the safety significance of the equipment contained within the vital area, the close proximity of a posted security officer, and frequency of checks by members of the security force, we have concluded that the violation is appropriately categorized as a Severity Level IV.

Notwithstanding the above conclusion, we believe this matter deserves special management attention to assure that supervisors and members of the security force, and other personnel performing security related duties, comply with established security procedures to ensure positive control of access to vital areas. Accordingly, in preparing your required response, you should include a description of preventive measures derived from an evaluation of the underlying causes of this event. Your reply and the results of future inspections will be considered in determining whether further enforcement action is appropriate.

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The responses directed by this letter and the enclosure are not subject to the clearance procedures of the Office of Management and Budget as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1980, PL 96-511.

Should you have any questions concerning this letter, we will be glad to discuss them with you.

Sincerely,

(Original signed by JPO'Reilly)

James P. O'Reilly
Regional Administrator

Enclosures:

1. Inspection Report Nos. 50-259/82-36
50-260/82-36 and 50-296/82-36
(Safeguards Information)
2. Appendix A, Notice of Violation
(Safeguards Information)

cc w/encl:

- H. J. Green, Director of Nuclear Power
- G. T. Jones, Plant Superintendent
- R. E. Rogers, Project Engineer
- H. N. Culver, Chief, Nuclear Safety Review Staff
- J. F. Cox, Supervisor Nuclear Licensing Section

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