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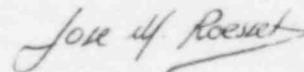
Dear Chairman Palladino:

In my statement in front of the Commission on November 10 I indicated that since the turbine building of the Diablo Canyon Nuclear Power Plant was a class 1 structure, an unusual classification, and since it had undergone extensive modifications, making it a rather complex structure, it would be desirable to have an independent analysis conducted by Brookhaven National Laboratories. I was informed after the meeting that the turbine building is not a class 1 structure but that it contains class 1 equipment and was therefore redesigned for the Hosgri earthquake*. While my statement was inaccurate in relation to the classification of the building, since a seismic design for Hosgri is required, I believe my recommendation is still valid.

I expressed also concern about the fact that the redesign is being done at present with spectra that are apparently incorrect. I was referring specifically to the annulus structure. For the other buildings the spectra which are being used may not be incorrect although their validity is still in doubt.

I would greatly appreciate your transmitting these clarifications to the other commissioners. With many thanks,

Sincerely yours,



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