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Dr. T. E. Murley
Region I, Regional Administrator
U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
631 Park Avenue
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Dear Sir:

Three Mile Island Nuclear Station, Unit 1 (TMI-1)
Operating License No. DPR-50
Docket No. 50-289
Licensee Event Report 83-028

This is to confirm the conversation between Mr. R. Conte and Mr. F. Young, Region I, NRC, and Mr. M. Nelson, Supervisor Unit 1 Review Program, at 1530 hours on September 20, 1983. The event described below was declared reportable at 1500 hours on September 20, 1983.

On September 20, 1983, a manual inside containment isolation valve (IA-V20) in the Instrument Air penetration to the Reactor Building was found to be open contrary to the requirements of Technical Specification 3.6.1 and 1.7.c and Operating Procedure 1101-3, "Containment Integrity and Access Limits". This valve appeared to be closed. The stem bushing in the valve yoke had backed out of the yoke toward the valve handwheel such that when turned in the closed position the handwheel was mechanically limited from turning. The outside containment isolation valve (IA-V6) on this penetration was locked closed. Immediate corrective action has been taken to replace the IA-V20 valve bonnet with one which has a properly captured yoke stem bushing and to close and leak test this valve. This item is considered reportable in accordance with Technical Specification 6.9.2.A.2.

The details of this occurrence and the corrective actions to prevent recurrence will be provided within 14 days.

Sincerely,

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