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Dear General Wagner:

This is to follow up to my recent phone conversation with Colonel Ray Murphy of your staff. I spoke with Colonel Murphy regarding mobilization time for the Massachusetts National Guard (MNG) personnel assigned to respond to the Wellesley Reception Center and the Massachusetts Civil Defense Agency (MCDA) Area II headquarters in the event of an emergency at the Pilgrim Nuclear Power Station (PNPS).

It is our understanding that the official position of the MNG when questioned regarding response time for these 2 sites is that response times of 4-6 hours, best case, and 8-12 hours, worst case. These times, I understand, are based on the "national average" for guard mobilization.

While we do not question the validity of the national average, it is our understanding, as concurred with members of your staff, that MNG staffing for an emergency at PNPS would be a function of the time from initial notification to full staffing at 4-8 hours, and that staff would begin to arrive during the first hour. Based on this understanding it is our assumption that staffing would begin in the first hour following initial notification and increase over the following 3-7 hours when full staffing would be realized. This assumption is validated based on our past experience with the excellent response times of MNG personnel during other emergencies.

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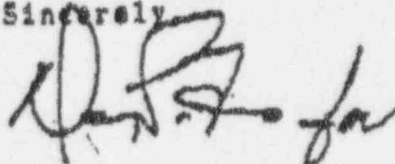
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Notwithstanding the "national average" I feel comfortable incorporating this assumption, as supported by members of your staff and our past experience, as a "planning basis" for MNC response to the site specific event of an emergency at PNPS. Thus, I request your concurrence with this "planning basis" by signing as indicated below. Further, representatives from other state agencies assigned to the State Headquarters at Framingham usually start arriving within the first hour following the initial notification and the average number of miles they would travel would be in the range similar to that of the MNC personnel. It would be expected that military personnel experienced in emergency response will meet or exceed this performance.

Thank you for your continued cooperation and please contact me should you have any questions regarding this matter.

Sincerely,



John L. Lovering
Acting Director

Concurred,

Major General Wayne F. Wagner
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