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NOTIFICATION OF JCAE CONCERNING DEVELOPMENTS IN OYSTER CREEK PIPING  
PROBLEM

During a discussion this morning with Mr. Harold L. Price and his principal staff on the developments in the Oyster Creek piping problem, Mr. Low reminded Mr. Price that we had not updated the JCAE staff on this matter for quite some time. Mr. Price at first expressed surprise that we had failed to do so but was reminded that Low and I on at least two or three occasions during the past couple of months had urged him to inform the JCAE and that for one reason or another, he had declined to do so. Mr. Price then called Captain Bauser and gave him a capsule version of the current status of the problem. In brief the following is the substance of Mr. Price's conversation with Bauser.

Our investigation of the piping allegations revealed that GE had not applied certain requirements (e.g., radiography and dye penetrant testing) to certain pipes and valves in critical systems of the Oyster Creek reactor. As a result of our investigation, GE had done a considerable amount of radiography and testing but that in all probability we would be requiring them to do more. He emphasized that a final decision on this matter had not been made as yet and that we were still reviewing Amendment 53 which describes the extent of the GE effort to establish the quality of their piping. Mr. Price also pointed out that this could develop into a pretty big problem and that the JCAE might very well be hearing from GE on this matter in the near future since Jersey Central will be ready to begin higher power operation this coming weekend (June 22, 1969).

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