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INQUIRY MEMORANDUM

JERSEY CENTRAL POWER AND LIGHT COMPANY - OYSTER CREEK NO. 1,
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ALLEGED QUALITY DEFICIENCIES

The attached letter was received by Region I on February 28, 1969. I immediately telephoned Mr. A. A. Cella of PIPECO in an attempt to obtain more specific information concerning the allegation. Mr. Cella refused to talk specifics but made the following generalizations concerning Oyster Creek No. 1 and other nuclear plants:

1. Material was supplied by firms who ignored purchase specifications and ASME Codes. This was done with the knowledge of subcontractors and fabricators.
2. Material was supplied by firms who were not qualified to manufacture it and were not distributors of any of the known qualified manufacturers.
3. In some cases material certificates which were provided were falsified or improperly verified.
4. Prior to placing orders with fabricators, inspections were not made of the fabricators shops or quality control program.

In answer to the specific allegations in the second paragraph of Dr. Kandle's letter, Mr. Cella again refused to be specific. He said that PIPECO had not refused to supply pipe to Jersey Central but had refused to supply it to an unnamed subcontractor for the reason given. "Appropriate specifications" was defined by Mr. Cella to be ASME Code Section III. In answer to the reference to ASTM-A-312 F.M., Mr. Cella said that some pipe which was

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specified to be ASTM-A-312 was actually ASTM A-312 F.M. He said that this particular pipe was thin walled and the use of filler metal made the pipe unsuitable.

I told Mr. Cella that we would need specific information in order to investigate his allegations. He said that at this time he did not want to be specific, however, he planned to visit the site on March 4 or 5, 1969, to look into quality control and he would subsequently meet with me for further discussion. He was vague about his authority or responsibility for this trip.

At the conclusion of our conversation he agreed to telephone me to set up a meeting when he returns. I intend to have Mr. Al Ryan and Joe Tillou for assistance in this meeting.



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