September 20, 1995

Dr. J. M. Rowe, Chief Reactor Radiation Division U. S. Department of Commerce National Institute of Standards and Technology Gaithersburg, MD 20899

SUBJECT: NRC INSPECTION NO. 50-184/95-02

Dear Dr. Rowe:

This letter refers to the reactor restart special inspection conducted by Mr. Thomas Dragoun of this office on July 17-21, 1995 of activities authorized by NRC License No. TR-5 at the National Bureau of Standards Reactor and to the discussions of our findings held by Mr. Dragoun with you and other members of your staff.

Areas examined in this inspection are important to public health and safety, and are described in the NRC Region I Inspection Report which is enclosed with this letter. Within these areas, the inspection consisted of selective examinations of procedures and representative records, interviews with personnel, and observations by the inspector.

Within the scope of this inspection, the restart of the reactor and preparations for resumption of power operations were being accomplished in a safe manner. No safety concerns or violations of regulatory requirements were observed and no response to this letter is required.

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Your cooperation with us is appreciated.

Sincerely,

Original Signed By: Robert J. Bores

James H. Joyner, Chief Facilities Radiological Safety and Safeguards Branch Division of Radiation Safety and Safeguards

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