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July 7, 1992

Mr. James M. Taylor, Executive Director for Operations
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington, DC 20555

Dear Mr. Taylor:

I wish to inform you of the actions taken by TRTR in conjunction with the University of Michigan regarding a recent occurrence at the University's research reactor. As soon as TRTR became aware of the occurrence, the TRTR Executive Committee moved quickly to look into the matter. As a result, I have appointed a panel of nationally recognized experts to make an independent and thorough review. The panel will examine all aspects of the occurrence, determine the root cause, detect any weakness in management control and make specific recommendations both to prevent recurrence and to strengthen the overall operation of the facility. The panel is composed of:

Dr. John Bernard, MIT (Chairman)
Dr. David Rorer, Brookhaven National Laboratory
Mr. Wade Richards, Chairman ANS-15, Director of the McClellan Reactor

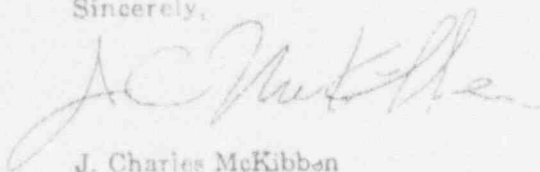
Among them, the panel members have more than 75 years of nuclear reactor experience. The review will take place at the University of Michigan on July 8 and 9, 1992 and will be followed promptly by a written report to me with a copy to Dr. Ronald Fleming, Director of the University of Michigan, Phoenix Memorial Laboratory. TRTR stands ready to provide any other assistance the University of Michigan requires.

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I hope you will find the actions of the University of Michigan in seeking an outside review and the response of TRTR are consistent with what you expected from the Community when you established a separate project directorate to regulate non-power reactors. Let me again assure you of our dedication to safety and operations excellence.

Sincerely,



J. Charles McKibben
Chairman, TRTR

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