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Mr. R. L. Gridley, Manager  
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3. Since the first occurrence at Monticello in 1974 of shipping the movable inner filters with the incorrect mesh size, which other plants have been affected and which have been notified? How many incorrectly labeled inner filters were shipped to each plant?
4. What measures has GE taken to prevent recurrence of the shipment of not only filters but all types of incorrectly labeled parts to nuclear power plants.

Your cooperation in this matter is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

Original Signed By  
E. L. Jordan

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