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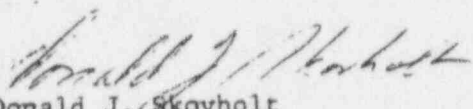
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Gentlemen:

This confirms our telephone call to Mr. J. Carrol, Oyster Creek Plant Superintendent, on September 6, 1973, pertaining to the possibility of inverted absorber tubes in the control rods at the Oyster Creek Nuclear Generating Station. It was agreed that during your outage in early September, that is planned for hydraulic snubber inspections, you would conduct shutdown margin tests on all control rods to verify that the minimum shutdown margin is at least  $0.0075 \Delta k/k$  at cold, xenon-free, operating samarium conditions. It is expected that these tests will be performed at approximately 120°F and allowance will be made for the shutdown worths of xenon and samarium.

Provide this office with a written report of the results within 10 days of the completion of the tests. If any anomaly should be found, report in accordance with the Technical Specifications for Oyster Creek.

Sincerely,

  
Donald J. Skovholt  
Assistant Director for  
Operating Reactors  
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