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CO INSPECTION REPORT NO. 50-219/72-03
JERSEY CENTRAL POWER & LIGHT COMPANY
OYSTER CREEK - BWR

I was not able to follow my inspection program due to the turn of events, however, I believe the trip was worthwhile. The decision to keep operating while the labor problem was discussed appeared to be sound. It is my understanding that JCP&L has provisions at the plant to sustain persons inside if picket lines are thrown up and the operating union refuses to cross the picket line. In addition, provisions have been made to restock the plant by use of helicopter if necessary. (I personally do not plan to fly over a picket line.) JCP&L appears to be getting set to take a hard line in their negotiations with the unions involved.

JCP&L apparently found out about the cracks in their safety valves on April 19, 1972. I understand they had their consultant (MPR) and the vendor's (Dresser) representatives at the plant on April 20 to evaluate the extent of cracking. Their labor problems and the fact that I would be at the plant on April 21 appear to be the reasons we were not notified of the failure earlier. Their response to the problem appears to be adequate.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "F. S. Cantrell", is written above the typed name.

F. S. Cantrell
Reactor Inspector