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Memo to File

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OYSTER CREEK CONTROL ROD DRIVE INTERFERENCE WITH OPERATING SOURCE

J. T. Carroll, Station Superintendent, contacted me at about 11:00 a.m., May 1, 1975, to discuss a problem regarding a broken operating source at core location 16-41. While making control rod drive interference checks, it was disclosed that the referenced source holder had broken off and pieces were located in the guide tube. As Carroll described it, one large piece was hanging at an angle that precluded removal. Control rod blade 14-43 and the four fuel bundles in the affected cell were removed to facilitate access to the source. Subsequent attempts at retrieving indicated that fuel bundles located on the corners of the empty cell were preventing removal.

The remainder of the conversation involved Oyster Creek's intent to request a temporary Technical Specification change to permit grapple usage for withdrawal of three additional fuel bundles. Grapple usage is precluded with a control rod withdrawn. This matter was discussed with OIE:HQ (Dreher and Seyfrit) and I then informed Walt Paulson, the RL Project Manager, of the problem.

I was subsequently informed that the source was successfully removed after repeated attempts and that no action would be requested from licensing. I intend to review this area during the next routine inspection.

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