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Dear Mr. Brown:

On February 19, I received your February 14, 1985 letter concerning the reconstitution of the Shoreham Emergency Planning Board following the resignation of Judge Laurenson. Your queries as to his reasons are better addressed to Judge Laurenson. However, for your information, Judge Laurenson resigned as a member of the Atomic Safety and Licensing Board Panel effective January 31, 1985 to accept a partnership with the Cleveland-based law firm of Arter & Hadden. His letter of resignation was dated January 7, 1985. As I am sure you are aware, it is the prerogative of any employee, public or private, to make such a career change.

My responsibility in this matter was to appoint a replacement for Judge Laurenson when he became unavailable in accordance with the provisions of 10 C.F.R. § 2.721(a) and 5 U.S.C. § 554(d). See New England Coalition v. NRC, 582 F.2d 87, 99, 100 n. 19 (1st Cir., 1978). I did so promptly by reconstituting the Board with Judge Margulies as Chairman. It would be inappropriate for me to speculate on any other matter in your letter.

Sincerely,

B. Paul Cotter, Jr.  
Chief Administrative Judge

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