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SUBJECT: NRC INSPECTION NO. 50-293/96-04

Dear Mr. Boulette:

This letter refers to the Safeguards inspection conducted by Mr. R. J. Albert of this office on March 18-22, 1996, of activities authorized by NRC License No. DPR-35 at the Pilgrim Nuclear Power Station and to the discussions of our findings held by Mr. Albert with Mr. L. J. Olivier and other members of your staff.

Areas examined in this inspection are important to public health and safety, and are described in the NRC Region I Inspection Report which is enclosed with this letter. Within these areas, the inspection consisted of selective examinations of procedures and representative records, interviews with personnel, and observations by the inspector.

Within the scope of this inspection, you had effective programs in place for the protection of public health and safety. No safety concerns or violations of regulatory requirements were observed. However, weaknesses in assessment-aid capabilities, alarm-station communications, and documentation of security-related issues were identified. These areas warrant attention to ensure that serious problems do not develop.

Portions of the enclosed report contain security program details exempt from public disclosure in accordance with 10 CFR 73.21 (Safeguards Information). Those portions will not be placed in the NRC Public Document Room and will receive limited distribution. This letter and the rest of the report will be placed in the Public Document Room in accordance with 10 CFR 2.790(a).

No response to this letter is required. Your cooperation with us is appreciated.

Sincerely,

ORIGINAL SIGNED BY:

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