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Dear Mr. Nellis:

In answer to your inquiry of August 15, 1979, there are approximately 205 uranium dioxide pellets in each Zircaloy fuel rod at TMI-2. The exact number for any individual rod may vary by plus or minus a few pellets since the fabricated pellet length dimension is not a rigid specification. The 205 value is based on a uniform pellet length of 0.700 inches. Enclosed is a copy of Figure 4.2-2 from the TMI-2 Final Safety Analysis Report that shows the fuel rod design. The dimensions for the various components were provided in our previous letter of July 20, 1979.

I trust that the above information satisfies your inquiry. Please let me know if additional information is needed.

Sincerely,

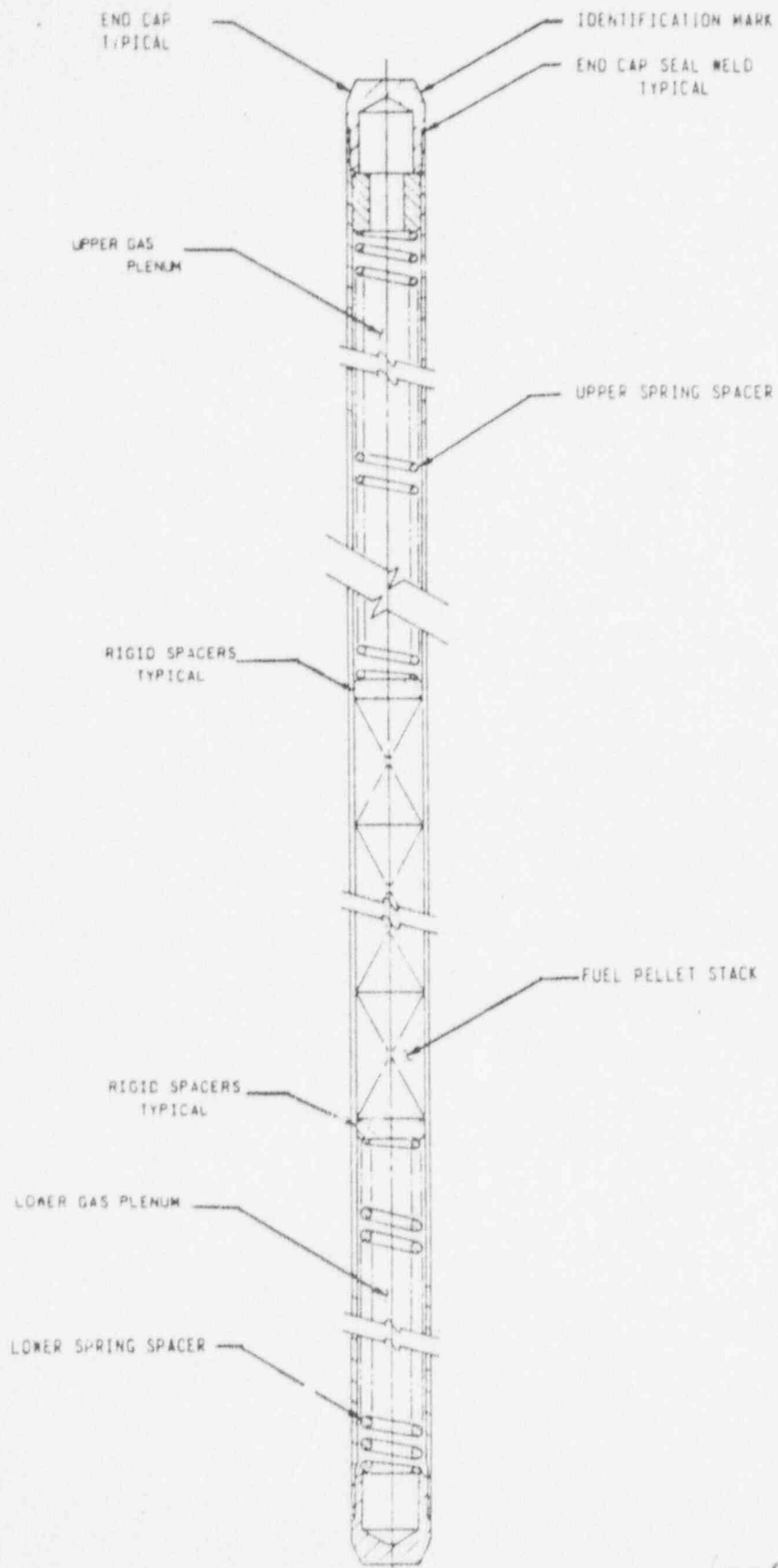
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Enclosure: As stated

cc: The Honorable Dennis DeConcini

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PREPRESSURIZED FUEL ROD
THREE MILE ISLAND NUCLEAR STATION UNIT 2



FIGURE 4.2-2