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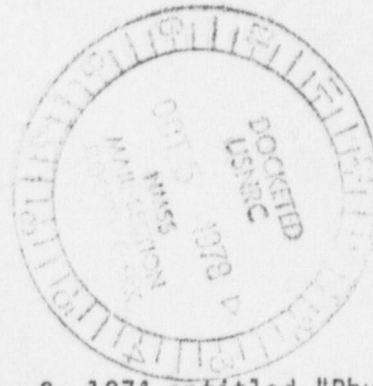
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Mr. George W. McCorkle, Chief
Physical Security Licensing Branch
U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington, D. C. 20555

Dear Mr. McCorkle:

I submitted a physical security plan on January 2, 1974 entitled "Physical Protection Plan for Nuclear Materials and Facilities of the Lynchburg Research Center". In my transmittal letter I pointed out that the plan was submitted to comply with the regulations of 10 CFR Part 73 but that the Lynchburg Research Center (LRC) did not intend to possess or transport formula quantities of strategic special nuclear material. On that basis the plan has not been implemented.

New regulations in 10 CFR Part 73 requires us to submit Safeguards Contingency Plans in accordance with Appendix C of that part. The purpose of these plans is to give guidance to LRC personnel in order to accomplish specific, defined objectives in the event of threats, thefts, or industrial sabotage. Developing such plans for this facility would have little meaning because, as I stated earlier, the security plan has not been implemented. Without the site wide security barriers, established material access areas, and detection equipment in place, the required generic and licensee planning base cannot be established. Furthermore, without a security guard force the intended purpose of the safeguard contingency plan cannot be accomplished.

I request, pursuant to 10 CFR Part 73, section 73.5, that the Lynchburg Research Center be granted a limited specific exemption from the requirements in 10 CFR Part 73, section 73.40 (b) and (c), in that, safeguard contingency plans as they would pertain to the security plan dated January 2, 1974 shall not be required until 30 days prior to the implementation of the plan entitled "Physical Protection Plan for Nuclear Materials and Facilities of the Lynchburg Research Center". This request is based solely on the above rationale and is not intended to reduce a requirement on the LRC regarding other security plans.

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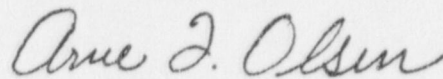
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I have reviewed 10 CFR, Part 170 and determined that fees for exemption requests are not specified. Therefore, no fee is attached.

I appreciate your consideration in this matter and if you require additional information please call me.

Very truly yours,

BABCOCK & WILCOX COMPANY
Lynchburg Research Center

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Arne F. Olsen".

Arne F. Olsen
License Administrator

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