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In Reply Refer To:
Docket No. 50-298/78-16

Nebraska Public Power District
ATTN: Mr. J. M. Pilant, Director
Quality Assurance and Licensing
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Gentlemen:

This refers to the inspection conducted by Messrs. J. J. Ward, R. A. Caldwell and Ms. E. A. Evans of this office on September 27-29, 1978 of activities authorized by NRC Operating License No. DPR-46 for the Cooper Nuclear Station.

The area examined during this inspection was your program for protecting against industrial sabotage and safeguarding special nuclear material pursuant to applicable provisions of 10 CFR 50, "Licensing of Production and Utilization Facilities"; Part 73, "Physical Protection of Plants and Materials"; and specific requirements of NRC License No. DPR-46. Within this area, the inspection consisted of selective examinations by the inspectors and review of the Physical Protection Plan for the Cooper Nuclear Station, Revision 6.

Within the scope of this inspection one infraction in the physical security protection for your plant was observed, as set forth in the Notice of Violation, enclosed with this letter. This notice is sent to you pursuant to the provisions of Section 2.201 of the NRC's "Rules of Practice," Part 2, Title 10, Code of Federal Regulations. Section 2.201 requires you to submit to this office, within 20 days of your receipt of this notice, a written statement or explanation in reply including: (1) corrective steps which will be taken, and the results achieved; (2) corrective steps which will be taken to avoid further noncompliance; and (3) the date when full compliance will be achieved.

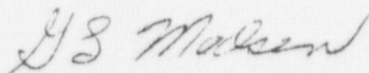
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In accordance with Section 2.790(d) of the NRC's "Rules of Practice," Part 2, Title 10, Code of Federal Regulations, documentation of findings of your control and accounting procedures for safeguarding special nuclear materials and your facility security procedures are exempt from disclosure; therefore, the inspection report will not be placed in the Public Document Room and will receive limited distribution.

Should you have any questions concerning this letter, we will be pleased to discuss them with you.

Sincerely,



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