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Dear Mrs. Leins:

Re: Letter dated June 6, 1986, from Ms. Patricia Wilder, and my telephone call of June 10, 1986 to Mrs. Leins, and my telephone call from Judge Hoyt.

Your reference to Contract No. NRC-21-85-401, Paragraph H.14.3, pertains to retention of "exempt" material. The hearing in question at Seabrook, New Hampshire was an open hearing and as such did not contain any exempt material. As a matter of practice, I will retain the reporter's stenographic notes for the two-day hearing held at Seabrook.

When the reporter produces her stenographic notes on a paper tape, she simultaneously produces a digital magnetic tape recording on a cassette tape. This digital tape recording is used to produce the transcript. However, the reporter's stenographic notes are the official record. If a transcript must later be checked for any inaccuracy, the stenographic notes of the reporter are used for that purpose. It is the practice within the reporting industry for reporters using a computer-aided transcription process to erase the digital tape after a transcript has been produced, so that the magnetic tape may be used again. The digital cassette tape is of no value to anyone but the reporter, and can be used only on special transcription machines.

In my telephone conversation with Judge Hoyt, she indicated to me that when the hearings resume, all materials must be retained; even if a paper clip is referenced, it must be saved. As you can readily see, if carried to the extreme, this can become a burdensome task. Under the terms of the contract, as written, I am not required to retain exempt material.

Very truly yours,

Robert J. Monick
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President

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