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Dear Ms. Garde:

This is in response to your letter to me dated September 25, 1986.

There have been no referrals by Region IV of allegations to TUGCO other than the May 30, 1986, referral referenced in your letter. To the extent that any future referrals pertain to matters relevant and material to admitted issues in controversy before NRC adjudicatory boards, we would also provide, as required by current NRC practice, the same information to the intervenor of record, CASE, as well as to the appropriate board. In the particular instance you raise in your letter, CASE was informed, by letter dated May 23, 1986, of our intent to handle these allegations by referral to the licensee. No objection to this action was received from CASE.

Authority for such referrals to a licensee is contained in proposed NRC Manual Chapter 0517 which is the interim staff policy on the matter. In such cases, the licensee is specifically advised by letter of the area of concern and requested to address it, subject to further audit by the NRC.

For your information, the allegor, who made the allegations referenced in the May 30, 1986, referral to TUGCO, did not request nor was the allegor granted confidentiality by the NRC. Nevertheless, to the extent practicable, we attempt to protect the identity of all allegors. Moreover, the President of CASE was present while the allegor provided this information, and the allegor did not identify GAP as being his/her contact relative to these allegations. To the contrary, the allegor identified the President of CASE as his/her contact.

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