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The Honorable Thomas E. Petri  
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Washington, DC 20515

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I trust this answers Mr. Marini's questions.

Sincerely,

(Signed) T. A. Rehm

for  
Victor Stello, Jr.  
Executive Director  
for Operations

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FROM: REP. THOMAS E. PETRI  
DUE: 05/13/87  
EDO CONTROL: 002809  
DOC DT: 04/20/87  
FINAL REPLY:

TO: CHAIRMAN ZECH

FOR SIGNATURE OF: \*\* GREEN \*\* SECY NO: 87-442  
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

DESC: ENCLOSURE LETTER FROM TOM MARINI CONCERNING  
BUDGETING OF FUNDS FOR INSPECTION WORK

DATE: 04/30/87  
ASSIGNED TO: NRR CONTACT: MURLEY

ROUTING:

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based upon previous  
two letters.

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AUTHOR: T.E. Petri--Const Ref  
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LETTER DATE: Apr 20 87              FILE CODE: C&R-2 BP  
SUBJECT: Employment of outside inspectors to inspect nuc  
         power plants  
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