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Mr. Elmer Schlesinger
301 Lombard Street
San Francisco, California

Dear Mr. Schlesinger:

On January 4, 1964 you wrote to us concerning the proposed construction by Pacific Gas & Electric Company of a nuclear power reactor in the Bodega Bay area. In connection with your letter we should like to inform you that, for the convenience of interested members of the public, arrangements have been made to establish and maintain a copy of the public record on the proposed reactor in the Commission's San Francisco Operations Office at 2111 Bancroft Way in Berkeley. This is in addition to the file maintained in the Commission's Public Document Room at 1717 H Street, N. W., Washington, D. C.

The public record will include a copy of Pacific Gas & Electric Company's application for a construction permit, reports of the Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards, notices of hearings, and similar documents required by our regulations to be filed in the public record. You may wish to consult this record from time to time as a source of current information.

We are enclosing a pamphlet which describes the procedures relating to the licensing of power reactors by the Atomic Energy Commission. We believe that these procedures and their provision for public hearing will enable all interested persons to acquaint themselves with the details of Pacific Gas & Electric Company's application, and will assure thorough consideration of all of those aspects of the proposed plant bearing upon questions of health and safety. You will note, however, that the procedures do not relate to questions of zoning and the esthetics of a proposed site. These are matters within local and State jurisdiction and are not within the purview of the Atomic Energy Commission.

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We should also like to add that proposed sites for nuclear power reactors are selected by the public utility or other organization planning to construct and operate such reactors. The Atomic Energy Commission then evaluates proposed sites to determine whether there is reasonable assurance that the proposed reactor can be constructed and operated at the proposed site without undue risk to the health and safety of the public.

We shall be glad to hear from you if you require any further information relative to Pacific Gas & Electric Company's application.

Sincerely yours

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Division of Licensing
and Regulation

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