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JUNE 15, 1987

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FROM: MR. MILAN G. WEBER
PRESIDENT
THE MILAN G. WEBER ASSOCIATES, INC.
POST OFFICE BOX 81
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SUBJECT: CONCERNS ABOUT POSSIBLE NUCLEAR DISASTER AT
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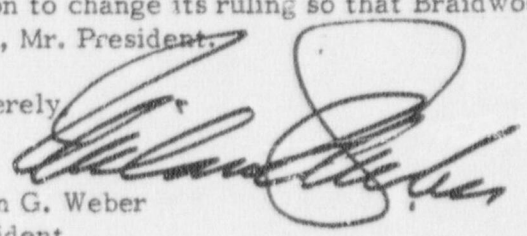
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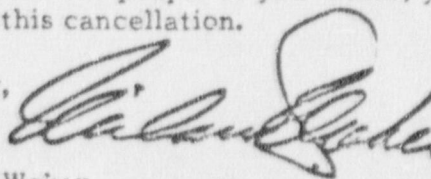
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Concern about possible
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9 June 1987

The Honorable Howard Baker
Chief of Staff to the President
The White House
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Dear Mr. Baker:

Permit me to say, at the outset, that your work in your new job is being greatly admired here in the State of your late Father-in-Law.

I am enclosing a copy of a letter I wrote to the President on the subject of nuclear safety. (Please note that I am not an anti-nuclear kook.)

My purpose in writing you is to express the hope that you might do something that will cause this matter to get full consideration. According to the Chicago Tribune, the Nuclear Regulatory Commission granted approval for operation of the Braidwood Reactor less than twenty four hours after its approval by the Atomic Safety and Licensing Board.

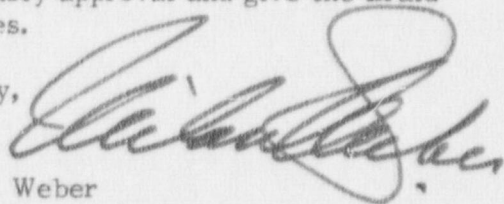
Considering that the Chairman of that Board strongly views the Reactor to be unsafe and said so vigorously in a dissent to the Board's action, it seems to me that the automatic action on the part of the NRC is not an indication that safety was given much consideration.

We are talking about the possible contamination, if an accident occurs, of the part of Illinois where Senator Dirksen lived, - but much more. We are talking about risking the lives of untold millions. We are talking about a Chernobyl-scale accident. We are talking about a possible unsafe structure combined with demonstrated incompetence of the operator of the reactor. (See enclosures.)

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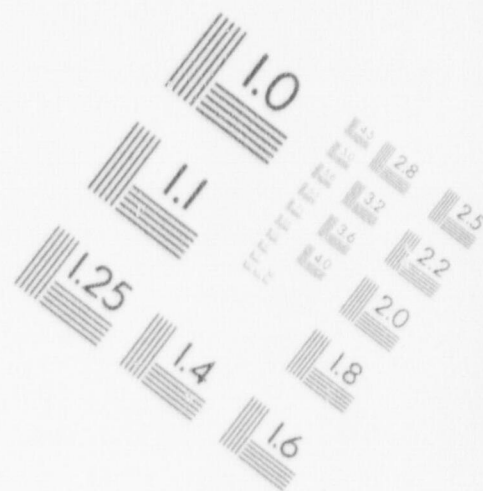
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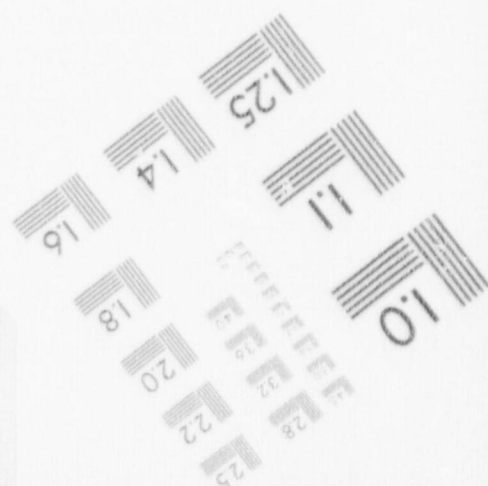
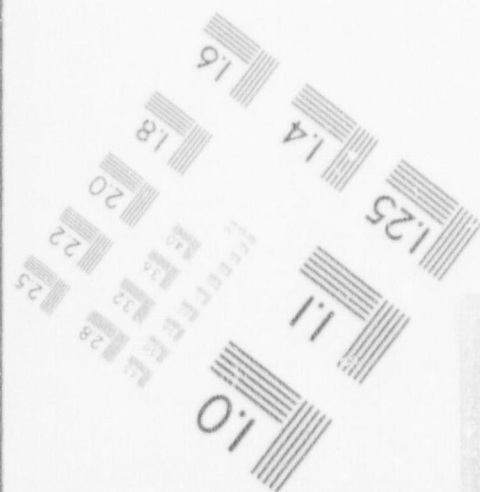
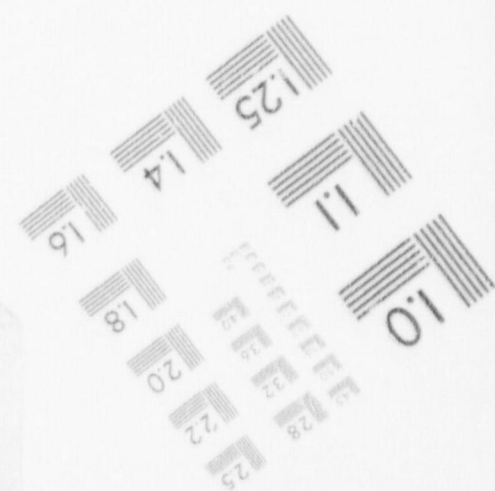
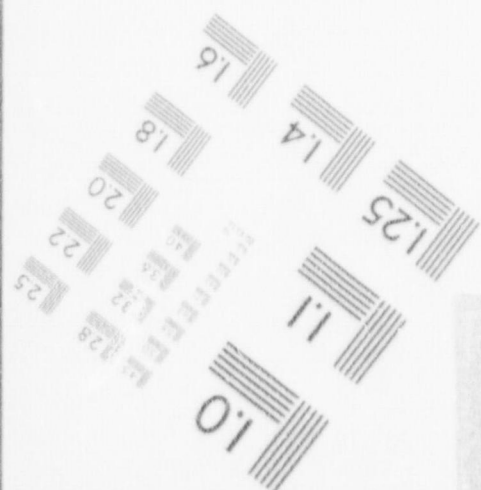
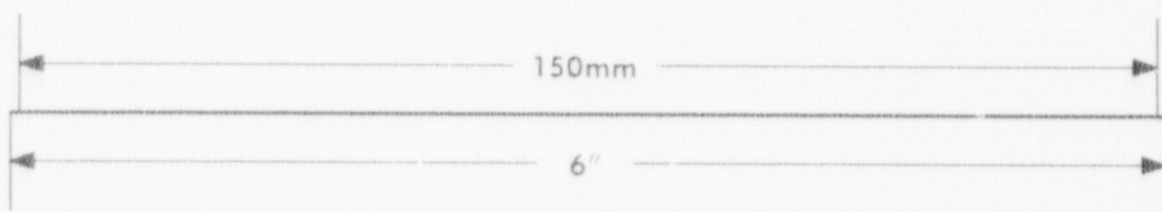
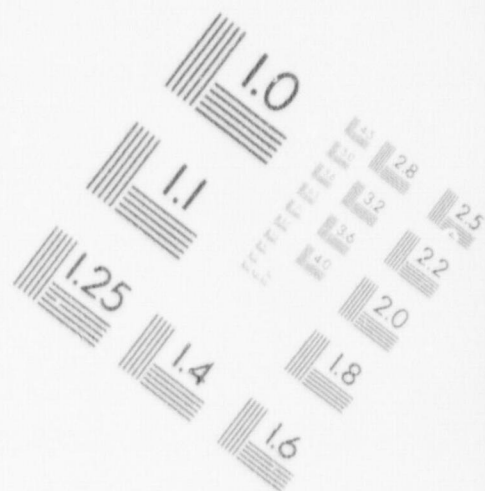
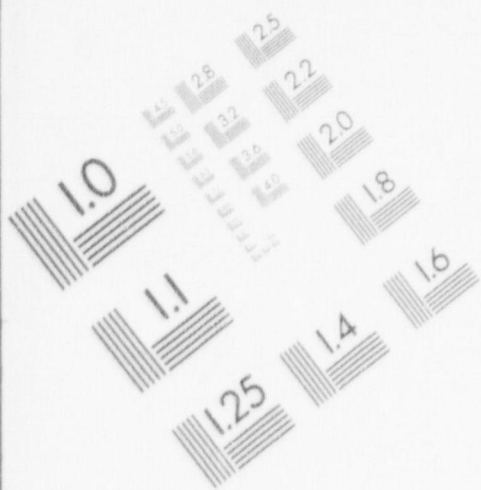


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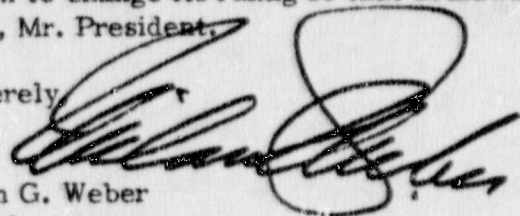
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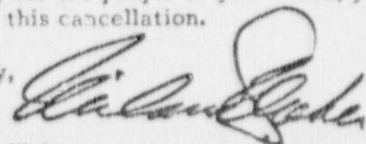
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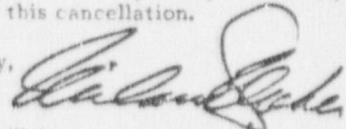
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