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December 21, 1999

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John A. Grobe".

John A. Grobe, Director  
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Docket Nos. 50-315; 50-316  
License Nos. DPR-58; DPR-74

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