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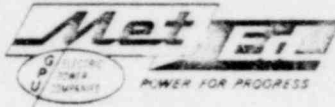
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Dear Sir:

During August of last year our Three Mile Island Nuclear Station (TMI) was visited by a group from the Johns Hopkins University Applied Physics Laboratory.

After touring the site, these gentlemen compiled a report on the potential fire hazards which they had seen. Unfortunately, this group did not visit the operating unit at the TMI site (TMI-1), but instead visited the unit which is currently under construction at the same site (TMI-2). The individuals to whom the members of the Johns Hopkins group spoke were not Met-Ed employees, but were, instead, construction workers, who were not familiar with our Fire Brigade, fire equipment or with the unit design. As a result, the report (dated 12/9/76) which was filed by the Johns Hopkins group, and placed in the Public Document Room by the ACRS, is based on some misconceptions concerning the quality of the fire prevention and control methods and equipment which are available at TMI.

We have attempted to minimize the fire hazard at our Nuclear Station and are concerned that a report which has been based on some serious misconceptions should appear in the public record. In an effort to set the record straight, we invite the gentlemen from Johns Hopkins to return to our Three Mile Island Nuclear Station, where they can observe the operation of TMI-1. It is our opinion that the Johns Hopkins group will find the conditions at our operating

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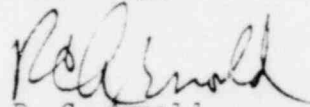
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unit to be much different from those found at our construction site. It should be realized, that because TMI-2 is still under construction, all of the fire prevention and containment equipment may not yet have been installed. This visit by the Johns Hopkins group can be arranged through my office.

It is my sincere belief that through this type of continued cooperation, we can work with the gentlemen from Johns Hopkins to present a more complete understanding of the fire control methods which are available at TMI to the public.

Sincerely,



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