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Dear Ms Garde,

CPCo lawyers, Mr Steve Lewis of Region III, and GAP representatives recently discussed conditions under which an individual who has provided a confidential affidavit to GAP would visit the Midland jobsite. During the discussion, you indicated that the individual would, in general, agree with the terms set forth in Mr Cook's 12/28/82 letter to Mr Keppler (copy attached). You stated that the affiant also requests (1) that the Company not disclose his identity to the media or general public, (2) that the Company not refer to the fact he had supplied information, which was eventually transmitted to NRC, in any job reference which the Company provides. There was also some discussion regarding the use of the individual's name in Company memoranda or communications regarding this matter.

The Company can, in principle, agree to the two requests made above. More specifically, the Company or Contractor representative attending the affiant's site visit would provide affiant's name only to a small group of employees investigating the matter on behalf of the Company, including necessary management personnel, and to CPCo Counsel (including necessary legal support personnel). The small "control group," thus defined, will abide by the two specific requests described above and the other terms set forth in Mr Cook's 12/28/82 letter. Changes in the membership of the control group may be made to from time to time as the need arises. The control group would confine its use of the affiant's name to communications within the group. The group would not use the affiant's name in any documentation of the matter, including formal QA documentation, except documentation available only to members of the group or to the NRC where required. Responses to job reference requests addressed to CPCo or Bechtel, Inc will contain no reference to the individual's supplying information to GAP or NRC.

Despite the above protective measures, the affiant's identity might be guessed or inferred by a co-worker or other person outside the "control group" as a result of the identification, tagging (if necessary), or correction of the identified hardware, or because of the required QA documentation pinpointing the problem. Certain persons may already have guessed or been told by the affiant of his identity. Obviously, neither CPCo nor Bechtel is in a position to guarantee that further disclosures have not or will not be made by such persons, or that they have or will abide by the terms described above.

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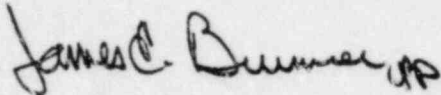
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to guarantee that further disclosures have not or will not be made by such persons, or that they have or will abide by the terms described above.

The affiant should also be advised that because intervenors have created a hearing issue out of the undisclosed GAP affidavits, the Company plans to depose all affiants (at some future time). The Company would not object to reasonable steps to protect this individual's anonymity in that desposition or subsequent hearings on the matter. However, the deposition and subsequent hearing process will cause disclosure of the affiant's identity beyond the "control group" defined above, (for example, to the Hearing Board) though under such protective terms as are established by the Hearing Board.

On behalf of the Company, I invite other present or past workers who have made allegations to your organization to visit the Midland Site, under the terms described in Mr Cook's letter and/or extended in this letter. To the extent your organization encourages individuals to take advantage of this opportunity, we appreciate your assistance. Thank you for your cooperation.

Very truly yours,



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