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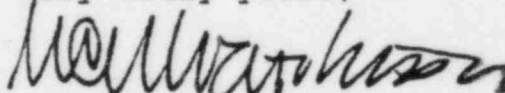
Dear Mrs. Ellis:

The Board's March 15, 1984, Memorandum directed Applicants to "provide to CASE the evidence on which it relied when it stated that the preliminary results of its thorough paint reinspection program, as of February 25, 1983, were favorable" (Memorandum p. 8). The reference to February 25, 1983, is to a proposed finding of fact (¶94, p. 51) that "[t]he initial phases of the reinspection effort confirmed that adequate application of protective coatings had occurred . . . ."

The evidence on which Applicants relied is, as cited in the proposed findings, the sworn testimony of Ronald G. Tolson in hearings before the Board. As relevant to this point, Mr. Tolson's testimony appears at transcript pages 2113-2114. Mr. Tolson also described the backfit program at pages 2143-2144.

We enclose Mr. Tolson's affidavit discussing the basis for the testimony regarding the preliminary results of the paint reinspection program. As Mr. Tolson states in his affidavit, his July 1982 testimony was based on reports from Mr. Tolson's staff. Those reports were, in turn, based on inspection records related to the coatings reinspection program. We will make copies of these records available to you, as you so request.

Very truly yours,



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