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SUBJECT DPK-19 DRESDEN NUCLEAR POWER STATION UNIT 2  
THIS WILL CONFIRM A CONVERSATION WITH F MAURA OF YOUR  
OFFICE 1410 HOURS THIS DATE CONCERNING AN APPARENT UNCOUPLING OF THE  
CONTROL BLADES FROM CONTROL ROD DRIVE 16-43 (B-11) WHEN THE DRIVE  
WAS WITHDRAWN TO THE FULLY WITHDRAWN POSITION FOLLOWING ROUTINE  
SCRAM TESTS SURVEILLANCE OF THIS DRIVE. AT THE TIME OF THE  
OCCURRENCE, THE UNIT WAS AT 3274WE AND STEADY STATE FOR CONTROL ROD  
DRIVE TESTING. THE BLADE WAS RECOUPLED TO THE DRIVE AND COUPLING  
VERIFIED BY NOTING (1.) PROPER RESPONSE OF NUCLEAR INSTRUMENTATION  
WHILE THE DRIVE WAS EXERCISED AND (2.) ITS FAILURE TO OBTAIN AN OVER-  
TRAVEL CONDITION AGAIN WHEN WITHDRAWN TO THE FULLY WITHDRAWN POSITION  
HOWEVER, WHEN FURTHER SCRAM TESTING WAS PERFORMED AS A CHECK TO  
DETERMINE WHETHER THE DRIVE WOULD REMAIN COUPLED, IT AGAIN UNCOUPLED  
ON THE THIRD SCRAM ATTEMPT. AT PRESENT, TESTING IS BEING PERFORMED  
ON THE HYDRAULIC SYSTEM TO DETERMINE THE ORIGIN OF THIS  
PROBLEM. FURTHER INFORMATION WILL BE SUBMITTED TO YOU IN 10 DAYS  
FOLLOWING THIS NOTIFICATION

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