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Mr. Dino Scaletti
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Dear Mr. Scaletti:

On March 20, 1984, I was asked by you to leave a GE-NRC meeting concerned with the accident source term evaluation for the GESSAR PRA. The reason I was given was that GE would not permit me to stay as proprietary source term information was to be discussed. Although I offered to sign a release stating that I would not divulge any proprietary information, I was told that it was not possible to do so for that particular meeting but that I would be able to sign a release for future meetings by contacting the NRC legal staff and signing an NRC nondisclosure form.

After talking with several members of the NRC legal staff, I was told by Mr. E. Shomaker that NRC has no forms available for nondisclosure of proprietary information and that any such form would need to be provided by GE. He suggested that I contact Mr. E. Firestone at GE. Mr. Firestone told me that in principle there was no problem with me signing such a form and he would get back to me in the next day or two with the details. When he didn't contact me for several days, I called his office and was told he was out of town for at least a week and was unreachable. I asked to speak to any other GE lawyer who could help and was referred to Mr. B. Smith. I was told by Mr. Smith that in principle there was no problem with me signing such a nondisclosure form so that I could attend all future GE-NRC GESSAR meetings and that he would send me such a form. A week and a half later, after I had not received a nondisclosure form from GE, I again called Mr. Smith and was told that he was working on it and would send it as soon as some questions had been answered by his client. I am still waiting.

I would like to be able to attend all GE-NRC meetings discussing the GESSAR PRA, as well as certain meetings discussing other GESSAR-related matters. As no transcripts are kept of these meetings, one cannot find out exactly what was said if one is barred from attendance at the meetings.

As NRC and GE are aware, I am unwilling to sign a disclosure form which forever prohibits me from divulging the information discussed in the meetings as there is a reasonable expectation that some or even most of the GESSAR PRA material which is currently called proprietary by GE will have its

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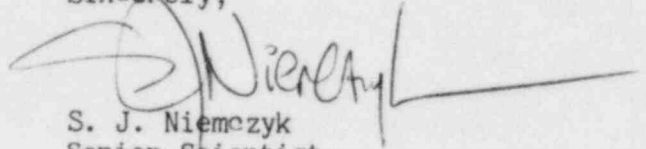
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classification changed. I am, however, willing to sign a form which states that I will not disclose information gathered from the meetings as long as that information is officially classified as proprietary.

I would appreciate your help in expediting my attendance at these meetings.

Sincerely,



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