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Honorable Charles Bechhoefer
Chairman, Administrative Judge
Atomic Safety and Licensing Board
U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington, D.C. 20555

RE: Houston Lighting & Power Co., et al.
South Texas Project, Units 1 & 2,
Docket Nos. 50-498, 50-499 et al.

Dear Judge Bechhoefer:

I have your Memorandum of October 2, 1984.

I will be pleased to supplement my letter of September 27, 1984 by "spelling out details" as your Memorandum indicates is desirable and will also address the legal questions raised in your Memorandum.

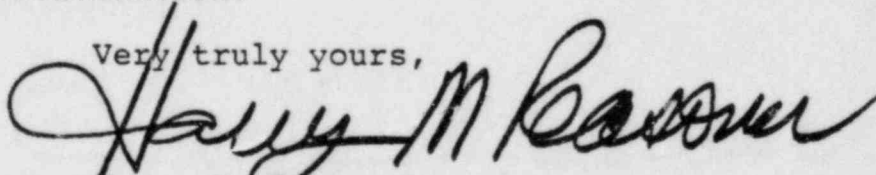
Unfortunately, I cannot do so by October 16, 1984 nor can I appear on that date because of the pressure of preparation for a major hearing in Houston Lighting & Power Co., et al v. Brown & Root, Inc., et al. before Judge Hardy on October 17, 1984.

I would be pleased to appear at some other date if the Board wishes.

I apologize for being unable to attend the October 16, 1984 hearing.

Thank you for your consideration.

Very truly yours,



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