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U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission  
Washington, D.C. 20555

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Reference: License R-33, Docket 50-73

Gentlemen:

The General Electric Company has applied to the Department of Energy for funding during the Fiscal Year 1996 to convert the General Electric Nuclear Test Reactor (NTR) from HEU fuel to LEU fuel.

A copy of the DOE's negative response is attached and is submitted to fulfill the requirements of 10CFR50.64.

Sincerely,

G. E. Cunningham  
Senior Licensing Engineer  
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Attachment

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March 14, 1996

Mr. G. E. Cunningham  
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Dear Mr. Cunningham:

In accordance with 10 CFR Part 50.64, "Limitations on the Use of Highly Enriched Uranium in Domestic Non-Power Reactors," you are hereby notified that Federal funding for conversion of your reactor to low enrichment uranium fuel will not be available during Fiscal Year 1996.

You will be notified in the event these circumstances change.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "Norton Haberman", is positioned above the typed name.

Dr. Norton Haberman  
Senior Technical Advisor  
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