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RE: UCLA Reactor, Docket 50-142 *OL*

Dear Ms. Woodhead:

I am in receipt of your letter of October 26 regarding the establishment of a conference call, and have therefore set aside time for Dr. Kohn and myself to be available for such a conference at 3:00 EST on November 12. By copy of this letter I have so notified UCLA, and will notify the Board via telephone by November 1 of this tentative schedule for these discussions between the parties. Should either you or UCLA have a conflict with that date, please contact me promptly with an alternative date and time.

I have no objection to participation in our discussions by UCLA representatives, as you have requested. I remind you, however, that the central dispute at hand is between CBG and the NRC Staff--over your opposition to UCLA's motion for immediate withdrawal of its renewal application. UCLA has already indicated, in a letter from Dean Turin, that it is UCLA's preference for the application to be immediately withdrawn, but that it will not stand in the way of your argument that withdrawal be deferred. It is precisely your insistence on adding the condition to UCLA's withdrawal request that effective withdrawal be deferred (for a period you have yet to make clear) that has put UCLA in the position of having to face the prospect of several more years of litigation with CBG over an application they wish to abandon, for a reactor they wish to dismantle.

We understand your desire to consult with UCLA as to reasonable dates certain for termination of the possession portions of the application, and trust that these problems can be worked out along the lines you, Mr. Gray and I had previously sketched out. One new development that should make that easier is that DOE at Idaho Falls has agreed to accept UCLA's HEU, has requested that the transfer be completed by May 1985, and that UCLA has scheduled the GE cask to effectuate the transfer by that time. A May date for final application withdrawal, if any deferral at all is necessary, is thus appropriate.

We look forward to discussing and resolving these final matters

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on the 12th. If you need to reach me before then, please feel free. I am tied up much of next week with the investigative staff of a Congressional committee investigating allegations of mismanagement within the NRC, but messages can be left with the CBG office in LA.

Sincerely,

Daniel Hirsch

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