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Dear Dr. Manauer:

I meant to ask you earlier about the unspecific reference in WASH-1270, Anticipated Transients Without Scram . . . , page 49, about the U.S. designed, foreign power reactor which was found to have its scram system totally inoperative. I request that you identify the brand of the reactor: was it a Westinghouse PWR, B&W PWR, GE BWR, or what? This is not a useless question, as certain vendors made very strong statements in the past that such ~~xxxxxx~~ failures are incredible; e.g., WCAP-7655, p. 13. Inasmuch as society is trying to come to grips with the question of the reliability of safety devices, ~~ix~~ and because ~~xof~~ the profundity of the nuclear power decision, it is extremely important that the full knowledge of our experience be brought to open light, which includes knowing just whose reactor design ~~xxxxxxxxxx~~ experienced the incident abroad, and the date of occurrence.

You have been very cooperative in the past, and I greatly appreciate it.

Sincerely yours,

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