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Mr. Frank Schroeder, Deputy Director
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Dear Mr. Schroeder:

Thank you for your very courteous response to my letter about questions of May 16 and June 18, 1979, vis-a-vis, the CVT Power Plant that were initially sent to the Library of Congress. Your technical enclosure, with its extremely thorough answer to my question, is much more complete than I expected, and I certainly appreciate your time and effort spent explaining the elements, isotopes, size, and weights of the various constituents that powered the CVT plant. If I ever have any more questions, just once more I have one further question. How many uranium dioxide pellets are enclosed in each zircaloy clad rod?

In 1960 I had some experience with nuclear power, and recall the extreme care, cleanliness, and exacting standards under which we worked. We were involved from the slurry stage to the finished sintered stage, but that project required a "2" clearance so I am not sure what else I might add to underscore my curiosity.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

X
Richard A. Nellis
(His Mark witnessed by me 8/15/79)

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