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SUBJECT: TELECON WITH DRESSER INDUSTRIES - RE: SAFETY VALVE RELEASE
NUT/COTTER PIN

I spoke today with the following individuals at Dresser Consolidated Industries:

Terry Barnes, Nuclear Products Field Specialist
Roland Huffman, Senior Product Engineer

Both Mr. Barnes and Mr. Huffman confirmed that their instructions to valve owners have been changed to indicate that there should be a "minimum of 1/16-inch" clearance between the release nut and the lifting lever. The instruction also includes the admonition to verify that the 1/16-inch exists. The earlier inclusion of "1/8-inch" in the phrase "1/16 to 1/8 inch" for this clearance was unnecessary.

They both also indicated that Section III of the ASME B&PV Code does not require lifting levers to be installed, for use in demonstrating that the valve is not stuck closed, because bench testing these valves adequately demonstrates their operability.

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