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Dear Mr. Boulette:

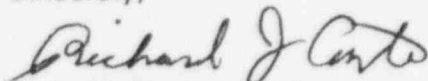
On January 11 1997, the NRC completed an inspection at the Pilgrim Nuclear Power Station in Plymouth, Massachusetts. The enclosed report presents the results of that inspection.

During the seven weeks covered by this inspection period, the conduct of activities at the Pilgrim facility was characterized by safe plant operations. However, we continue to identify lower level equipment/material plant conditions that were missed or incorrectly accepted by members of your staff including managers on tours. Although not immediate operability issues, the deficiencies represent degraded conditions. The deficiencies included various things such as pump packing leaks with at least one pump contributing to the overall radwaste in-leakage, dirty screens for the air cooling inlet and outlet ports on the control rod drive pump motors and a broken fastener for a station blackout diesel generator cooling water return header support that resulted in a small coolant leak. A review of the 1996 management tour results determined that the management tour process yielded mixed results indicating that the process was less than fully effective in fostering and enforcing high management expectations in the field.

In accordance with 10 CFR 2.790 of the NRC's "Rules of Practice," a copy of this letter and its enclosures will be placed in the NRC Public Document Room (PDR).

Your cooperation with us is appreciated.

Sincerely,



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