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**Subject: Docket No. 50-89; Facility License R-38;
Submittal of TRIGA Mark I 1996 Annual Report (3 Copies)**

Dear Mr. Adams:

Enclosed is the annual report required by the applicable Technical Specifications of General Atomics' Mark I TRIGA reactor (License R-38). This report covers operations for the calendar year 1996. The sections of the report are numbered consistent with the items of information referred to in Section 9.6e of the Technical Specifications for the Mark I TRIGA reactor.

Also, please note that there will be no corresponding annual report for the TRIGA Mark F reactor. General Atomics has discontinued its past practice of providing an annual report for the TRIGA Mark F reactor since it was never a requirement in the Mark F Technical Specifications, and because the TRIGA Mark F License No. R-67 amendment to Possession-Only status has been granted.

Should you desire additional information concerning the above, please contact me at (619) 455-2823, or Dr. Junaid Razvi at (619) 455-2441.

Very truly yours,

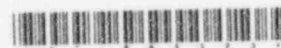
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