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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION
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Mr. James A. Vissar
President, International Union
United Government Security Officers of America
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Dear Mr. Vissar:

In your letter to me of April 8, 1997, you expressed concern about the security program at the Yankee Rowe facility, which is being maintained under a license from the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC). Specifically, you were concerned about a new policy that would disarm security officers.

This facility has in place a defueled physical security plan, a guard training and qualification program, and a safeguards contingency plan that have all been approved by the Commission. The licensee for the Yankee Rowe facility has not submitted a request to change the aforementioned plans in such a way as to disarm security officers. However, if the licensee requests such a change, we will conduct a thorough evaluation of the proposal, including the security risks involved with the configuration of the Yankee Rowe facility.

If you have any further questions or concerns, please contact Morton Fairtile of my staff at (301) 415-1442.

Sincerely,

Shirley Ann Jackson

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