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Director of the Office of Nuclear Regulation  
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission  
Washington, D.C. 20555

Attention: Document Control Desk

Gentlemen:

In accordance with 10CFR Part 50.64 (C.2) and on behalf of the Georgia Institute of Technology, I hereby notify the U.S.N.R.C. that federal funding is not available for converting the GTRR fuel from high to low enrichment. The Department of Energy has withdrawn its offer to initiate conversion because Georgia Tech is currently evaluating whether or not reactor operations will be continued in the future.

The letter from Mr. Richard E. Stephens of DOE on the subject is appended. No further action on the conversion question is being contemplated for now. However, should Georgia Tech reach a decision in favor of continued operation we will promptly inform DOE and the request for conversion will be initiated.

We will, however, notify U.S.N.R.C. by March 27, 1989 or sooner about the availability of federal funds and will submit a proposal for the conversion should such funds become available.

Sincerely yours,

R.A. Karam  
Director

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Dr. Ratib Karam, Director  
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Dear Dr. Karam:

In view of the uncertainty of continued operation of the Georgia Institute of Technology Nuclear Reactor, this letter is to inform you that the notification of availability of funding during Fiscal Year 1988 and the request for proposal to initiate conversion of the reactor from HEU to LEU fuel, transmitted via a February 4, 1988, letter from this office, is hereby withdrawn.

It is requested that you inform us as soon as possible after a decision has been made by the Institute relative to the future of the reactor so that in the event reactor operation is to continue, the request for proposal can be reinstated and conversion of the reactor can be initiated in a timely manner.

Sincerely,

Richard E. Stephens, Director  
Division of University and  
Industry Programs  
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