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Mr. R. F. Walker, President
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Dear Mr. Walker:

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR 8 PERCENT POWER OPERATION

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Should you have any questions concerning this letter, please contact Kenneth L. Heitner at (301) 492-7364.

Sincerely,

Original signed by
Herbert N. Berkow, Director
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