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September 16, 1999

SUBJECT: EVALUATION OF REQUESTS FOR RELIEF FROM ASME SECTION XI
 REQUIREMENTS FOR CONTAINMENT INSPECTION FOR PILGRIM NUCLEAR
 POWER STATION (TAC NO. MA4285)

Dear Mr. Sullivan:

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If you have any questions regarding the relief requests, please call the NRC Project Manager, Mr. Alan Wang, at 301-415-1445.

Sincerely,

Original signed by:
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Docket No. 50-293

Enclosure: Safety Evaluation

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