FURTHER "COMMENTS ON 'DETERMINATION OF OPTIMUM FUEL LOADINGS IN PRESSURIZED WATER REACTORS USING DYNAMIC PROGRAMMING'"

In response to Stout and Robinson's response (December 17, 1973) to my letter (November 7, 1973), I wish to clarify one point. I did not state, in my first letter, that "a pattern obtained via an automated optimization program is no better than, or even worse than, a loading pattern based on judgment." (This quote is from Stout and Robinson's letter.) My first letter states, "a pattern obtained via automated optimization based on crude geometry (one node, or even four nodes, per assembly) is no better . . . . " The key phrase here is "based on crude geometry" and the further quantification of "one node . . . . per assembly." If Stout and Robinson choose to disagree with this statement, let the matter rest.

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