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The Honorable Hazel R. O'Leary
Secretary of Energy
Washington, D. C. 20585

Dear Secretary O'Leary:

In the past, the Department of Energy (DOE) provided the Board on a regular basis with specific reports of a summary nature relating to nuclear safety of its defense facilities. These included reports and assessments prepared by the following:

- Office of Nuclear Safety
- Tiger Teams
- Technical Safety Appraisal Teams
- Operation Readiness Review Teams
- Assistant Secretary for Defense Programs
- Assistant Secretary for Nuclear Energy
- Assistant Secretary for Environment, Safety and Health
- Office of Environmental Management
- Office of New Production Reactors

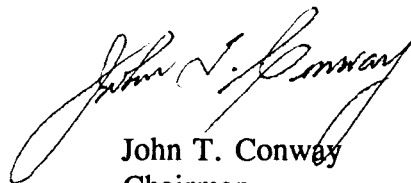
Examples of materials which were routinely sent by the DOE to the Board were identified in a DOE memorandum dated August 2, 1991 to DOE Field Offices and Program Managers.

During the past year, the Board has noted that a number of safety reports and assessments that in the past routinely would have been sent to the Board no longer were being forwarded. Apparently with changes in personnel and assignments, the procedure has become not fully operative.

It would be helpful to the Board and also we believe to the DOE, if you would reaffirm the past practice of routinely sending to the Board these safety reports and assessments.

For your assistance I am sending enclosed copies of correspondence between the Board and DOE and the August 2, 1991 memorandum that initiated the procedure.

Sincerely,



John T. Conway
Chairman

Enclosures