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January 26, 1996

The Honorable John T. Conway
Chairman
Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board
625 Indiana Avenue, NW
Suite 700
Washington, DC 20004

Dear Mr. Chairman:

In your December 22, 1995 letter, you kindly offered the assistance of two members of the Board and three senior members of your staff to further discuss the necessary and sufficient closure process. I will make arrangements through Dr. Kouts and Mr. DiNunno to set up a meeting in the near future.

We look forward to interacting with members from the Board and selected staff members in arriving at a common understanding of these very important issues.

Sincerely,

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