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March 14, 1997

The Honorable Federico Peña Secretary of Energy 1000 Independence Avenue, SW Washington, DC 20585-1000

Dear Secretary Peña:

On behalf of myself and the other Members of the Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board (Board), I want to congratulate you on your appointment as Secretary of the Department of Energy and to wish you well in your assignment.

The Board Members look forward to working with you and your associates in the successful and safe operation of the nuclear defense facilities under your authority and to meeting with you at the earliest opportunity that your schedule permits.

Sincerely,

John T. Conway

Chairman

c: The Honorable Charles B. Curtis The Honorable Thomas P. Grumbly Mr. Mark B. Whitaker, Jr.