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Mr. Carl A. Johnson,
Administrator
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Capitol Complex
Carson City, Nevada 89710

Dear Mr. Johnson:

On behalf of the ACRS Subcommittee on Waste Management, we wish to thank you for your very informative and well-organized presentation to us during our recent visit, on the State of Nevada's technical concerns regarding the proposed Yucca Mountain geologic repository site. We consider this interchange between the parties involved to be an excellent example of intergovernmental/interagency cooperation in the pursuit of a common goal, i.e., the suitable location of a geologic repository for high-level waste.

As a result of the combined briefings and our seeing in person the various efforts in progress, we now have a firsthand understanding of what we previously could only visualize from pictures and oral descriptions. Consequently, we have fully achieved our objectives in making this visit, and are therefore much better qualified to advise the NRC Commissioners on those matters pertaining to the NRC role in this program.

We have recently received the enclosed letter reports from the five consultants who were in attendance during our recent visit to the University of Arizona and the Nevada Test Site. These reports, in conjunction with Subcommittee Chairman Dr. D. W. Moeller's enclosed Summary Report of ACRS Waste Management Field Trip to the above sites, are being provided as a reciprocal action on our part in response to your excellent, well-prepared and comprehensive presentation.

Please note that the reports from our consultants and Dr. Moeller's Summary are preliminary in nature; they represent the personal comments and observations of these individuals on the discussions and field trips. These reports are being provided to you for your information, and they should not be regarded as representing official positions of the Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards, as they have not been reviewed by and/or approved by that Committee.

Thank you again for your part in making this a very successful and productive visit for us.

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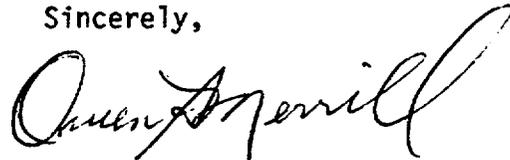
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If we can be of any further help in answering any questions you might have regarding the enclosed comments, or otherwise, please direct them to me. Telephone Number: (202)634-1413.

Enclosures:
As stated

Sincerely,



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