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SUBJECT: PROPOSED OFFICIAL VISIT TO THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA BY
U.S. NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSIONER GRETA JOY DICUS (OCTOBER
28-NOVEMBER 3, 2000)

1. SUMMARY. FOLLOWING IS A REQUEST FOR THE U.S. EMBASSY
SEOUL'S COUNTRY CLEARANCE AND SUPPORT OF AND ASSISTANCE WITH
THE PLANNED OCTOBER 28-NOVEMBER 3 VISIT TO THE REPUBLIC OF
KOREA BY U.S. NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION (USNRC)
COMMISSIONER GRETA JOY DICUS AND ACCOMPANYING USNRC
DELEGATION. END SUMMARY.

2. WITH THE CONCURRENCE OF THE U.S. EMBASSY SEOUL, USNRC
COMMISSIONER GRETA JOY DICUS WILL MAKE AN OFFICIAL VISIT TO
THE ROK OCTOBER 28-NOVEMBER 3 TO: A) PARTICIPATE IN THE 12TH
PACIFIC BASIN NUCLEAR CONFERENCE (PBNOC 2000) TO BE HELD
OCTOBER 29-NOVEMBER 2 AT THE CONVENTION AND EXHIBITION CENTER
OF THE WORLD TRADE CENTER IN SEOUL; (B) HOLD BILATERALS WITH
SOME OF THE SENIOR NUCLEAR SAFETY AND REGULATORY OFFICIALS
(INCLUDING THE ROK'S MOST AND KINS) FROM AROUND THE WORLD
ATTENDING THE CONFERENCE; (C) MAKE A FACILITY VISIT TO THE

NATIONAL CANCER CENTER HOSPITAL IN SEOUL; AND (D) PAY A COURTESY CALL ON THE AMBASSADOR OR CHARGE D'AFFAIRES AND RECEIVE A COUNTRY TEAM BRIEFING.

3. COMMISSIONER DICUS WILL BE ACCOMPANIED BY MR. BRADLEY W. JONES, CHIEF OF STAFF TO COMMISSIONER DICUS, AND MS. DONNA CHENIER CHANEY, SENIOR INTERNATIONAL POLICY OFFICER, OFFICE OF INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS.

4. THE PRIMARY FOCUS OF COMMISSIONER DICUS' VISIT WILL BE PRESENTATIONS AND DISCUSSIONS WITH REGULATORS FROM COUNTRIES HAVING SIMILAR REGULATORY INTERESTS TO THE U.S., INCLUDING NUCLEAR SAFETY AND REGULATION, SPENT FUEL AND RADIOACTIVE WASTE MANAGEMENT, RADIATION PROTECTION, AGING MANAGEMENT AND LIFE EXTENSION OF NUCLEAR POWER PLANTS, MEDICAL APPLICATIONS OF RADIOISOTOPES AND RADIATION, AND ADVANCED AND FUTURE NUCLEAR REACTORS MADE DURING THE PLENARY AND TECHNICAL SESSIONS OF PBNC 2000. NRC WILL BE DIRECTLY SCHEDULING SOME BILATERALS ON THE MARGINS OF THE CONFERENCE WITH KEY INTERNATIONAL NUCLEAR SAFETY OFFICIALS, SUCH AS IAEA DIRECTOR GENERAL M. ELBARADEI, KNOWN TO BE PARTICIPATING. COMMISSIONER DICUS WISHES TO INCLUDE DISCUSSIONS WITH MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (MOST), KOREA INSTITUTE OF NUCLEAR SAFETY (KINS), AND KOREA ATOMIC ENERGY RESEARCH INSTITUTE (KAERI) SENIOR MANAGERS, BUT ASSUMES THAT THEY WILL BE INVOLVED IN THE CONFERENCE AND SO MIGHT BE AVAILABLE FOR MEETINGS AT THAT VENUE RATHER THAN AT THEIR HEADQUARTERS. AS APPROPRIATE AT THE STOPS INDICATED IN PARA. 6, COMMISSIONER DICUS IS INTERESTED IN LEARNING ABOUT THE TOPICAL AREAS NOTED ABOVE AS WELL AS DECOMMISSIONING AND OTHER CURRENT NUCLEAR ISSUES. FOR THE PROPOSED VISIT TO THE NATIONAL CANCER CENTER HOSPITAL (NCCH), COMMISSIONER DICUS WOULD LIKE TO HAVE AN OVERVIEW OF THE NCCH'S ACTIVITIES AND THEN SEE ITS RADIATION EFFECTS, CELL BIOLOGY, AND EXPERIMENTAL THERAPEUTICS LABORATORIES.

5. EMBASSY IS REQUESTED TO PROVIDE SUPPORT AND ASSISTANCE TO THE TRAVELERS BY DESIGNATING A VISIT CONTROL OFFICER, MEETING AT AIRPORT AND ASSISTING WITH DEPARTURE; CONFIRMING HOTEL RESERVATIONS (3 SINGLES) ALREADY MADE BY NRC AT THE GRAND INTER-CONTINENTAL, THE CONFERENCE HOTEL; REQUESTING APPOINTMENTS AND FACILITY VISITS INDICATED IN PARA. 6; ADVISING ON CURRENT NUCLEAR SAFETY AND ENERGY ISSUES; PROVIDING AND/OR MAKING ARRANGEMENTS FOR GROUND TRANSPORTATION (A CAR AND DRIVER FOR THE COMMISSIONER AND DELEGATION); AND OTHER SERVICES, AS NEEDED. THE USNRC WILL PROVIDE EMBASSY WITH REQUISITE AGENCY FISCAL DATA AGAINST WHICH TO CHARGE ALL GENERAL EXPENSES INCURRED AS SOON AS EMBASSY PROVIDES ESTIMATES OF COSTS FOR THE INDICATED GROUND TRANSPORTATION, DRIVER OVERTIME, AND OTHER EXPENSES DIRECTLY ASSOCIATED WITH

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SUPPORT OF THIS OFFICIAL TRAVEL. EMBASSY IS WELCOME AND INVITED TO ACCOMPANY COMMISSIONER DICUS ON FACILITY VISIT AND TO ALL SCHEDULED MEETINGS.

6. THE USNRC PROPOSES THE FOLLOWING ITINERARY/AGENDA FOR GUIDANCE AND PLANNING PURPOSES, BUT EMBASSY SHOULD FEEL FREE TO MAKE WHATEVER ADJUSTMENTS ARE NECESSARY TO ACCOMMODATE SCHEDULING REALITIES:

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 27

DEPART WASHINGTON NATIONAL FOR DETROIT VIA NORTHWEST 71 AT 12:35 P.M. AND DETROIT FOR TOKYO VIA NORTHWEST 11 AT 3:20 P.M.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 28

ARRIVE TOKYO NARITA AT 5:35 P.M.
DEPART TOKYO NARITA FOR SEOUL VIA NORTHWEST 09 AT 7:00 P.M.
ARRIVE SEOUL KIMPO AT 9:35 P.M.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 29

A.M. OPEN
3:00-6:00 P.M. PBNC 2000 REGISTRATION
6:00-8:00 P.M. PBNC 2000 WELCOME RECEPTION

MONDAY, OCTOBER 30

9:00-12:00 NOON PBNC OPENING SESSION
12:00-2:00 LUNCH BREAK
P.M. CONFERENCE PLENARY ON THE KEDO PROJECT

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 31

A.M. VISIT TO NCCH
12:00-2:00 LUNCH BREAK
2:00-5:00 P.M. CONFERENCE TECHNICAL SESSIONS ON NUCLEAR SAFETY/REGULATION AND SPENT FUEL/RADIOACTIVE WASTE MANAGEMENT

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 1

A.M. OR P.M. COURTESY CALL ON AMBASSADOR/CHARGE D'AFFAIRES AND COUNTRY TEAM BRIEFING
12:00-2:00 P.M. LUNCH BREAK
A.M. OR P.M. (WHICHEVER OPEN FROM ABOVE) CONFERENCE TECHNICAL SESSIONS ON NUCLEAR SAFETY/REGULATION AND SPENT FUEL/RADIOACTIVE WASTE MANAGEMENT
6:00-9:00 P.M. CONFERENCE BANQUET

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THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 2

9:00-12:00 NOON CONFERENCE TECHNICAL SESSIONS ON (A) SPENT FUEL/RADIOACTIVE WASTE MANAGEMENT, (B) RADIATION PROTECTION, (C) AGING MANAGEMENT AND LIFE EXTENSION OF NUCLEAR POWER PLANTS, (D) MEDICAL APPLICATIONS OF RADIOISOTOPES AND RADIATION, AND (E) ADVANCED AND FUTURE NUCLEAR REACTORS

12:00-2:00 P.M. LUNCH BREAK

2:00-3:30 P.M. CONFERENCE WRAP-UP TECHNICAL SESSIONS ON (A) THROUGH (E) ABOVE

3:30-5:00 P.M. PBNC 2000 CLOSING SESSION

AT SOME MUTUALLY CONVENIENT TIME BETWEEN OPENING AND CLOSURE OF THE CONFERENCE, COMMISSIONER DICUS ALSO WISHES TO MEET WITH SENIOR REPRESENTATIVES FROM MOST, KINS, AND KAERI, AS INDICATED IN PARA. 4.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 3

DEPART SEOUL FOR TOKYO VIA NW 10 AT 10:30 A.M.
ARRIVE TOKYO NARITA AT 12:55 P.M.
DEPART TOKYO NARITA FOR DETROIT VIA NW 12 AT 2:35 P.M.
ARRIVE DETROIT AT 12:00 NOON.
DEPART DETROIT FOR WASHINGTON NATIONAL VIA NW 893 AT 1:40 PM.
ARRIVE WASHINGTON NATIONAL AT 3:08 P.M.

7. FULL BIOGRAPHICAL DATA ON COMMISSIONER DICUS FOLLOW:

THE HONORABLE GRETA JOY DICUS WAS APPOINTED CHAIRMAN OF THE U.S. NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION BY PRESIDENT CLINTON, EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 1999, AND SERVED IN THAT CAPACITY UNTIL OCTOBER 29, 1999. HER CURRENT TERM EXPIRES JUNE 30, 2003. COMMISSIONER DICUS SERVED HER FIRST TERM AS COMMISSIONER FROM FEBRUARY 15, 1996 UNTIL JUNE 30, 1998, AND WAS RE-NOMINATED BY PRESIDENT CLINTON IN MAY 1998, BEGINNING HER SECOND TERM IN OCTOBER 1998. FROM JULY 1, 1999 TO OCTOBER 29, 1999, SHE SERVED AS CHAIRMAN OF THE NRC. BETWEEN HER FIRST AND SECOND TERMS, SHE SERVED AS AN OUTSIDE EXPERT TO THE U.S. DEFENSE NUCLEAR FACILITIES SAFETY BOARD.

COMMISSIONER DICUS IS A RADIATION BIOLOGIST. BEFORE JOINING THE NRC, MS. DICUS WAS CONFIRMED BY THE U.S. SENATE AS A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE U.S. ENRICHMENT CORPORATION (USEC). SHE SERVED ON THE USEC BOARD FROM MARCH 1994 TO FEBRUARY 1995.

FROM 1980 TO 1995, MS. DICUS WORKED AT THE DIVISION OF RADIATION CONTROL AND EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AT THE ARKANSAS DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, SERVING AS THE DIRECTOR OF THE DIVISION FOR NINE YEARS. CONCURRENTLY, FROM 1991 TO 1993, SHE SERVED

AS CHAIRMAN OF THE CENTRAL INTERSTATE LOW-LEVEL RADIOACTIVE WASTE COMMISSION. SHE ALSO SERVED ON THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION OF RADIOACTIVE MATERIALS FOR THE SOUTHERN STATES ENERGY BOARD (SSEB), AS WELL AS ON THE SSEB TRU WORKING GROUP. AMONG OTHER APPOINTMENTS, MS. DICUS HAS SERVED AS THE ARKANSAS LIAISON WITH THE NRC, THE COMMISSIONER OF THE CENTRAL STATES LOW-LEVEL WASTE COMPACT COMMISSION, AND A MEMBER OF THE GOVERNOR'S LOW-LEVEL RADIOACTIVE WASTE ADVISORY GROUP.

FOR 16 YEARS, FROM 1961 TO 1977, MS. DICUS CONDUCTED RESEARCH IN RADIATION HEALTH EFFECTS AT HARVARD MEDICAL SCHOOL, RICE UNIVERSITY, AND THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS SOUTHWESTERN MEDICAL SCHOOL.

AN ARKANSAS NATIVE, MS. DICUS WAS EDUCATED IN TEXAS. SHE GRADUATED WITH A BACHELOR OF ARTS DEGREE IN BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES FROM TEXAS WOMAN'S UNIVERSITY IN 1961, AND EARNED A MASTER'S DEGREE IN RADIATION BIOLOGY FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS SOUTHWESTERN MEDICAL SCHOOL IN 1967.

MS. DICUS IS A MEMBER OF THE HEALTH PHYSICS SOCIETY, SIGMA XI, AND THE CONFERENCE OF RADIATION CONTROL PROGRAM DIRECTORS.

8. IF ADDITIONAL INFORMATION IS NECESSARY, EMBASSY SHOULD CABLE THE DEPARTMENT TO PASS TO THE USNRC FOR DONNA CHANEY OR FAX HER DIRECTLY AT 301/415-2395; TELEPHONE:301/415-2644. YY

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