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Dear Mr. Zhao:

I want to thank you for taking the time to meet me during my recent visit to Beijing and for all of the hospitality that you and your staff extended to me and to the members of my delegation in the PSA Workshop. I understand that it was a very busy period for the NNSA, as you were hosting several international visitors, and the NNSA had just completed the IAEA IRRT.

In my meeting with Vice Minister Song, we talked about the active NRC and NNSA program of safety cooperation. We recognized the usefulness of the NRC's assignee program and the successful assignment just completed by Mr. Wang Jun. NRC looks forward to reviewing future NNSA proposed assignee placements. We also discussed the IRRT review and the challenges facing the NNSA. The NRC will look for opportunities to strengthen our bilateral cooperation, especially in the area of plant inspection, and in emergency planning and response.

Please let me know when you might have the opportunity to visit the Washington area, as I look forward to continuing our discussion of safety matters.

Sincerely,

/S/

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for Operations

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