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Commissioner Merrifield

FROM: Janice Dunn Lee, Director /RA/
Office of International Programs

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MEETING SCHEDULE:

08:30am - 09:00am	Commissioner Jeffrey S. Merrifield
09:30am - 10:00am	Chairman Richard A. Meserve
11:00am - 11:30am	Commissioner Greta Joy Dicus
11:45am - 1:15pm	OIP Director Janice Dunn-Lee (with Lunch)
02:30pm - 3:00pm	Commissioner Edward McGaffigan, Jr.
03:00pm - 3:30pm	Executive Director for Operations, William D. Travers

BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION:

Ms. Kessler is currently the Deputy Director General designate of the Nuclear Energy Agency. Ms. Kessler spent the year 2000-2001 at the National War College, graduating in June with a Masters of Science in National Security Policy. She was the Senior Coordinator for Nuclear Safety at the U.S. Department of State from 1995-2000, responsible for coordinating USG international nuclear safety assistance and policy. From 1998-2000, she also chaired the international Nuclear Safety Account (NSA) Donors Assembly in London at the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development. The NSA's 14 donors provide nuclear safety assistance to Bulgaria, Lithuania, Russia and Ukraine. She was the Chair of the G-7 Nuclear Safety Working Group in 1997 during which she led the negotiations culminating in the Chernobyl sarcophagus reconstruction project. Ms. Kessler joined the State Department in 1988, focusing on nonproliferation policy with respect to International Atomic Energy Agency safeguards and assisting the U.S. in its first cooperation with the USSR on nuclear safety. Prior to that, she was employed at the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission in the Office of International Programs from 1984-1988 where she was responsible for IAEA safeguards issues.

Ms. Kessler holds a Masters of Science in Technology and Policy from Massachusetts Institute for Technology and a Bachelor of Arts in Bio-geology from Brown University. She is married.

Attachment 1