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Dear Mr. Matsuda:

Thank you for your letter informing me of your retirement as the President of NUPEC and of your new position as Advisor of NUPEC.

I was pleased to meet with you last September when you visited the Commission. At that time we commented on the changing energy environment, including the renewed interest in the nuclear power option. As Advisor of NUPEC, you will draw on the rich experience of many years of involvement in the nuclear sector, not only as President of NUPEC, but also in your earlier positions in the former Science and Technology Agency and Ministry of International Trade and Industry.

I wish you every success in the future and look forward to an opportunity to see you again to continue our discussion of nuclear power and nuclear safety matters.

Sincerely,

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Richard A. Meserve