August 28, 2001

ICF Consulting ATTN: Mr. Paul Bailey Senior Vice-President 9300 Lee Highway Fairfax, VA 22031-1207

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Your scheduled delivery date of comments on these documents is 45 calendar days from the date of this letter. The action taken by this letter is considered within the scope of the current Award Contract, J5305. No change in cost or delivery of product is authorized. Please notify me immediately if you believe this letter would result in changes to costs or delivery of contract products.

If you have any questions, please contact me at 301-415-5971.

Sincerely,

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