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Gentlemen:

Enclosed for your information is a letter received from the Emergency Management Department of the City of Cambridge. It is gratifying to realize that the efforts made by MIT and NRC over the past decade to develop emergency response plans and to coordinate those plans with local authorities have worked.

Sincerely,

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Dear John;

Last week at this time all of us were shocked by the events in New York and D.C. As soon as I realized that this was a major terrorist event I made a few phone calls to City of Cambridge offices and called your office to suggest that the reactor be shut down. It was very reassuring to learn that, by the time I called and spoke with your secretary and Tom Newton, that the reactor was shut down, secured and that the MIT PD were already there guarding the facility.

I know that you must be proud of the very effective way the MIT reactor staff handled their response to an emergency. This quick response reflects both the procedures you have established and the training and discipline of the staff in the implementation of those procedures.

Given recent events you may be reviewing your emergency plans. If there is anything I can do to facilitate cooperation from the City of Cambridge in assisting with this review please let me know.

Very truly yours,

David B. O'Connor

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