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We also strongly support your desire to hold pre-application meetings to discuss key policy and regulatory issues prior to your submission of your license application. A key issue to be discussed at these meetings is the recent changes to U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission's (NRC's) regulations contained in 10 CFR Part 70. In particular, the recently revised 10 CFR Part 70 contains requirements for conducting an integrated safety assessment that did not exist when the staff last reviewed an application for a gas centrifuge enrichment facility. Another key issue relates to potential changes in NRC's physical security requirements based on the top to bottom review of current requirements in the aftermath of the September 11, 2001, terrorist attacks.

The NRC is looking forward to working with you on this project and encourage you to contact Mr. Johnson to set up the first pre-application meeting.

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