

May 9, 2002

Mr. Yoshihiro Noguchi  
Senior General Manager  
Hamaoka Nuclear Power Plant Construction Office  
Chubu Electric Power Company  
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Japan

Dear Mr. Noguchi:

I wish to thank you and your staff for the time taken from your busy schedules to meet with me during my visit to Hamaoka Nuclear Power Plant. As I mentioned to you, this was my first visit to Japan. My visit to Hamaoka Nuclear Power Plant was my first opportunity to see the excellence of a Japanese nuclear power plant. I was very impressed with the Hamaoka facilities that I saw on my tour of Units 4 and 5. I also want to thank you for the informative briefing on operations at Hamaoka.

I wish you continued success with the construction of Hamaoka Unit 5 and for its safe operation.

Please let me know if you have an opportunity to return to Washington, as I would be pleased to welcome you to the NRC for a visit.

Sincerely,

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Jeffrey S. Merrifield

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The Honorable Yoshihiko Sasaki  
Director General  
Nuclear and Industrial Safety Agency  
Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry  
1-3-1 Kasumigaseki, Chiyoda-ku  
Tokyo, 100-8901  
Japan

Dear Director General:

I am writing to thank you for the time that you took from your busy schedule to meet with me and for the opportunity to meet with your key senior staff. The matters we discussed are serious ones that reinforce the importance of our close bilateral partnerships. I also greatly appreciated the friendship and hospitality that you and your staff extended to me and to my staff.

The meetings we had on your visit here to Washington the following week also provided very helpful information on the security concerns that we share. I am hopeful this will lead to further and more detailed exchanges of this nature. I look forward to future opportunities to continue our discussions.

Sincerely,

Jeffrey S. Merrifield

May 9, 2002

Mr. Yasuo Shinohara  
Director & Senior General Manager  
Energy & Plant  
IHI  
Shin-Ohtemachi Bldg.  
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Japan

Dear Mr. Shinohara:

I wish to thank you, Mr. Toshiba, and your senior staff for the very interesting and informative visit to IHI Works in Yokohama. I appreciate you and your staff taking the time to explain the various IHI operations to me and for giving me a copy of the briefing video. The scope of work that I saw on my tour was very impressive. Being able to stand in, over, and under the large components is helpful in understanding their true scale.

You and your staff also provided me with a wonderful look at Japan's rich and colorful culture, which I enjoyed very much. I greatly appreciated the hospitality that you showed me.

Please let me know if you have the opportunity to visit Washington as I would be pleased to welcome you to the NRC.

I wish you continued great success with operations at IHI Works.

Sincerely,

Jeffrey S. Merrifield

May 9, 2002

Mr. Yoshihiro Ohtou  
Director & Deputy Superintendent of Plant Construction  
Japan Nuclear Fuel Limited  
4-91 Aza Okitsuke, Oaza Obuchi  
Rokkasho-Mura, Kamikita-gun  
Aomori-ken-039-3212  
Japan

Dear Mr. Ohtou:

Thank you for the informative briefing and tour of the facilities at Rokoshamura. It was impressive to see so much of the fuel cycle operation in one location. I greatly appreciated the hospitality you and your staff extended to me during the visit.

I wish Japan Nuclear Fuel Limited great success in its safe operation.

Sincerely,

Jeffrey S. Merrifield

May 9, 2002

Mr. Yuji Shinya  
General Manager  
Tomari Nuclear Power Station  
The Hokkaido Electric Power Co. Oaza-Horikappu 728  
Tomairi-Muri, Furuu-Gun  
Hokkaido, Japan

Dear Mr. Shinya:

I wish to thank you for taking time out of your busy schedule to meet with me and accompany me on a tour of the Tomari Nuclear Power Station. The visitor center was full of creative communication efforts aimed at keeping the public informed. The briefings I received on the design features of the plant and its performance were very interesting. I was impressed with the plant's excellent performance record. I can understand your pride in the Tomari plant.

I wish you great success with the construction of unit 3 and a continued safe operations of units 1 and 2.

Sincerely,

Jeffrey S. Merrifield

May 9, 2002

Mr. Norihisa Yuki  
Inspector  
Section Chief of Coordination  
Nuclear Power Inspection Division  
Nuclear and Industrial Safety Agency  
Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry  
1-3-1 Kasumigaseki, Chiyoda-ku  
Tokyo, 100-8901  
Japan

Dear Mr. Yuki:

I want to thank you for taking time on your day off, and away from your family, to take me and my companions on a tour of the Omiya Bonsai Village. It was interesting and unique to Japan.

It was my pleasure to meet and talk with you; and it would be my pleasure to welcome you back to the NRC for a visit.

Sincerely,

Jeffrey S. Merrifield

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