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Mr. Richard A. Meserve  
Chairman  
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission  
Mail Stop: O16C1  
Washington, D.C. 20555-0001

Dear Mr. Meserve:

**Subject: Statistical Analysis of the Information Security Oversight  
Office's 2002 Survey of the National Industrial Security  
Program**

I am writing to ask for the assistance and expertise of Dr. Dan Lurie, Division of Planning, Budget, and Analysis, in the review of statistical data that the Information Security Oversight Office (ISOO) has collected in support of its 2002 Survey of the National Industrial Security Program (NISP).

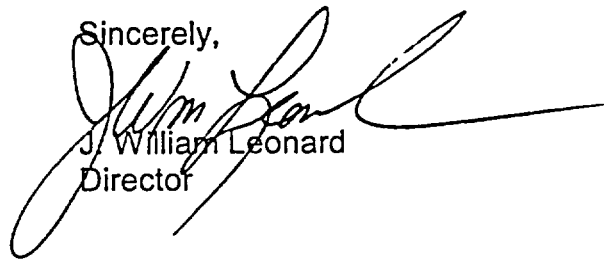
Executive Order 12829, "National Industrial Security Program," authorizes ISOO to monitor executive branch and industry implementation of the program. The overall objective of our survey is to evaluate whether the system achieves its intended goals: the adequate protection of classified information; uniformity and reciprocity in security procedures; and greater efficiency and reduced costs.

We have conducted two other surveys of the NISP in the past, but for our current analysis of the program we have expanded both the scope and range of our data collection by implementing an electronic survey that was sent to all of the approximately 5,800 industry members of the NISP. Soon we will be conducting site visits across the United States to collect additional data from the NISP community. Once this is completed, we must then analyze a substantial amount of data and describe our findings in a report to the security community at large.

As a result of his assistance to the Office of the Secretary of Defense (OSD) in analyzing NISP cost data we became aware of Dr. Lurie's expertise. Subsequent discussion has affirmed for us the significant benefit to be derived from his assistance and insights. We request your permission to consult with Dr. Lurie for the next several months to conduct a statistical analysis of our survey data.

As one of the four signatories to the NISP, along with the Central Intelligence Agency, Department of Defense, and the Department of Energy, we are confident that the Nuclear Regulatory Commission can appreciate the importance and benefits of our effort. Should you have any questions concerning this letter, please contact Rudolph Waddy, ISOO's Associate Director for Operations, or Bernard Boyd, ISOO's NISP Team Leader, at (202) 219-5250. We look forward to and appreciate receiving Dr. Lurie's assistance and any insights he may provide.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J. William Leonard", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

J. William Leonard  
Director

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