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Date: Mon, Apr 1, 2002 11:19 AM
Subject: FW: National Geographic Article

Bill,

We have an opportunity to comment on the attached National Geographic draft article on waste transportation. Personally, I do not like the way you are portrayed, and if you can give me more information on your interview with Mr. Long or perhaps try to reword this section excerpted from below:

At the offices of the NRC in Rockville, Maryland, I put the question to E.

> William Brach, director of the Spent Fuel Project Office. Why 1,475
> degrees?
> Brach looked at me, then turned a quizzical expression toward Mark
> Delligetti,
> senior project manager, who shrugged.

It seems that NRC adopted the standard in 1965, taking it and other canons

> from International Atomic Energy Agency requirements published in 1961.
> Hancock
> regards these 40-year-old standards as "obsolescent" today, when the
> shipping
> containers for spent fuel haven't even been designed. "I would like to see
> full-size containers tested to failure," he says, "as automobiles are. We
> need
> to know what kind of crash or fire will rupture a cask."
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We need to get this back to National Geographic today if possible.

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> From: German III, John D
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> To: Ammerman, Douglas J
> Subject: FW: National Geographic Article

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> Doug, Here is the section of the Geographic article that has been shared
> with me. Keep in mind that the magazine is not obligated to make any of

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> the changes we ask for. This is a fact check. Most publications don't give
> us this opportunity. So let's pick one or possibly two issues that
> approach "factual errors" or that are truly "misleading" and ask for those
> changes. Personally, I would like to make it clear that you have no
> particular knowledge of what was on the trucks in Wyoming. I think we
> could work with her on that point, but it would count as one of our
> possibly two nitpicks. Tell me if you think that is one of the most
> important points we could make here. Plus she has questions at the end
> that we should try to answer. When I told her you were out til Monday, she
> said she could wait til Monday, possibly Tuesday. Cheers. John

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> From: Jennifer Fox
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> Subject: National Geographic Article

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> I think I can wait until Monday or Tuesday of next week. I'd rather not
> bother
> him if he's on vacation.

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> -Jennifer

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> Dear Mr. German:

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> As I mentioned on the phone, Mike Long has finished writing his article on
> nuclear waste, and it is now my job as researcher to confirm that the
> words meet
> the magazine's standards of accuracy. Below please find a short passage in
> which
> Douglas Ammerman is mentioned. I have included a few questions with the
> text,
> but I am interested in hearing if anything strikes you or Mr. Ammerman as
> misleading or inaccurate.

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> Due to a tight deadline, I will need to hear back from you by this Friday,
> March
> 29.

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> Thank you in advance for your time and assistance.

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> Sincerely,
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