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Mr. Christopher Kouts
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Dear Mr. Kouts:

I am returning copies of the preliminary design reports for the Model Nos. BR-100 and GA 4/9 shipping packages which were sent to us for comment. It would be premature for us to undertake review of preliminary package designs, even on an informal basis. Our meetings with you and your contractors provide ample opportunity to informally discuss individual package designs and generic technical issues. Return of copies should avoid any misunderstanding which might arise from our lack of comment.

Sincerely,

Original Signed by
CHARLES E. MACDONALD

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