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Dear Mr. Cooley:

PERFORMANCE ASSESSMENT ADVISORY GROUP MEETING, May 12-14, 1986
(Contract DE-AC06-77RL01030)

Several items came up at the subject meeting where the United States (and other member countries) were asked for certain information. Rather than wait for our trip report to be issued, Dr. Coons of IT, Corporation and I felt these few items should be passed on as soon as possible. It should be noted there was no commitment by either Dr. Coons or myself on any of these issues. Also, a detailed trip report will be issued shortly covering the full group meeting.

Workshop on Uncertainties: The Nuclear Energy Agency (NEA) Performance Assessment Advisory Group (PAAG) still plans on sponsoring this workshop. They are now thinking late 1986 or early 1987 time frame. They would very much like to have it in North America, but need a sponsor willing to host it. Canada is considering it if the United States is not interested. The other alternative is Paris, France. The NEA wishes to select the time and place as soon as possible.

Workshop on Scenario Development: The PAAG concluded that a working group/workshop in this area would be valuable. The focus would generally be member countries presenting their methodology(ies) for scenario identification and probability assignments for these scenarios. The pros and cons of each methodology would be discussed. The PAAG is setting up a four member "consultants group" to help define the approach to establish crisp goals and develop a good agenda. The actual workshop would be held in approximately one year. To assist this group, the NEA Secretariat formally asked PAAG member countries to supply to him within the next few months:

1. A brief summary of the methodology(ies) being used to identify scenarios and assign their probabilities.
2. A brief statement of what the member country would like to see addressed (and come out as a result) of this workshop.

(Note: Both Dr. Coons and I are willing to assist in this effort, but more organizations than ours will probably wish to be involved).

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Newsletter on Performance Assessment: The PAAG requested a member newsletter be prepared at least annually covering progress/issues etc., related to Performance Assessment and related work. NEA has agreed to this and will be sending instructions to members. It will be a number of months before they will be ready however.

One idea that was brought up, is to, as a minimum, provide a list of documents on PA that have been issued or are available. [Both Dr. Coons and I feel this could be a fairly painless as well as beneficial effort. However, to keep this current, we may wish to streamline clearance and approval processes and/or identify focal points within each major group].

Please call me on FTS 444-2748 if you have any questions on these three items.

Very truly yours,

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