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The Honorable Gibson D. Lewis
Speaker of the Texas State
House of Representatives
Austin, TX 78769

Dear Mr. Lewis:

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Sincerely,

(Signed) John G. Davis
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Identical letters sent to:

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The Honorable Keith Ashworth
President Pro Tempore of the
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Legislative Building
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The Honorable John J. Hainkel, Jr.
Speaker of the House
Louisiana State House of Representatives
Baton Rouge, LA 70804

Dear Mr. Hainkel:

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cc: The Honorable David C. Treen, Governor
The Honorable Samuel Nunez, President of the Senate
Mr. B. Jim Porter, Assistant Secretary
Office of Environmental Affairs
Mr. Robert Morgan, USDOE

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State Senate
Baton Rouge, LA 70804

The Honorable John J. Hainkel, Jr.
Speaker of the Louisiana State
House of Representatives
Baton Rouge, LA 70804

The Honorable Brad Dye
President of the Mississippi
State Senate
Jackson, MS 39205

The Honorable C. B. Newman
Speaker of the Mississippi State
House of Representatives
Jackson, MS 39205

The Honorable Melvin D. Close, Jr.
President Pro Tempore of the
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Carson City, NV 89710

The Honorable Robert T. Barengo
Speaker of the Nevada Assembly
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The Honorable William P. Hobby
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State Senate
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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20555

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SEP 29 1983

MEMORANDUM FOR: John G. Davis, Director
Office of Nuclear Material
Safety and Safeguards

THRU: Robert E. Browning, Director *RE Browning*
Division of Waste Management

FROM: Joseph O. Bunting, Jr., Chief
Licensing Process and
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