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SAMPLES OF TUFF AND J-13 WATER FOR OAK RIDGE NATIONAL LABORATORY (ORNL)

Per our telephone conversation today and per your specific guidance, I directed Uel Clanton of my staff to go immediately to the Nevada Test Site and retrieve from the surface 5Kg of Topopah Spring tuff, 3Kg of Calico Hills Tuff and 10 liters of J-13 water. These samples will be carried personally by Uel Clanton to you in Washington on Sunday, January 6, 1985. We will call you to let you know how you can get them.

For the record, I want you to know that the samples of rock and water were not collected under any quality assurance procedure. The rocks were collected at random from two specific locations. The water was collected under a general procedure specified by ORNL. The rock samples were weathered and contained some caliche; it is not clear that they are representative of the rock that is underground.

I trust that this material will satisfy your needs. It is now assumed that there will be no need for the meeting with ORNL in February to select samples from the Core Library for their testing program. If we can be of further help, we will be pleased to oblige.

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