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Dr. Donald Vieth
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Dear Dr. Vieth:

As stated in your letter to me dated January 4, 1985, Uel Clanton of your staff has provided 5 Kg of Topopah Springs tuff, 3 Kg of Calico Hills tuff, and 10 liters of J-13 water to ORNL, one of our geochemistry contractors. I wish to express my appreciation to Mr. Clanton and you for the delivery of those samples.

During two recent telephone conversations (a January 9 conference call between Uel Clanton and King Stablein, John Starmer, Linda Kovach, and John Bradbury of the NRC and a January 11 call between you and me), we mentioned that based upon the description of the rock materials in your January 4 letter and upon further consideration of the specific needs of ORNL's testing program, it appears that the February 4 meeting between NNWSI and NRC to select samples from the Core Library in Mercury, Nevada is still needed. I am therefore requesting that arrangements for this meeting continue to go forward. King Stablein (FTS 427-4611) of my staff will work with you or your designee to complete the detailed arrangements.

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We view the Mercury meeting as an important step in the NRC's effort to carry out an independent assessment of the DOE's geochemistry data; hence, I very much appreciate your recognition of its importance in obliging us in this matter.

Sincerely,

Original Signed By:

Seth M. Coplan, Section Leader
NTS Project Section
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Division of Waste Management

cc: U. Clanton, DOE
J. Bradbury, NRC

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