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VISIT TO G-TUNNEL

In your letter, dated August 22, 1984, you requested an opportunity for NRC staff and contractors who will be participating in the Geology Data Review, to visit G-Tunnel. We will make the necessary arrangements to accommodate a visit to G-Tunnel during the week of September 17.

Although the G-Tunnel tour will be included, we find it difficult to reconcile the tour with the scope of the Geology Data Review since none of the activities underway at G-Tunnel relate to the current geological data base being developed for the Yucca Mountain site. Consequently, we do not consider the visit to G-Tunnel to be part of the Geology Data Review. In view of the "general information" nature of the tour, we believe that it would be inappropriate to include any observations or comments, relative to G-Tunnel activities, in any reports you may prepare. We request your cooperation in assuring that the scope of the review is not compromised by the inclusion of observations or comments that are unrelated to the Geology Data Review in your trip documentation.

Please contact J. S. Szymanski of my office if you have any questions regarding this matter.

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