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Dear Dr. Gates:

CONTRACT NO. NRC-02-81-037 ENTITLED, "TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE SUBJECT FOR REPOSITORY DESIGN." (LTR. NO. 66)

I have reviewed your October Project Status Report (GAI Ltr. No. 78) dated November 16, 1982, for the subject contract. I have the following comments.

## Task 1 - Identification of Factors which Influence Design

This task is complete.

# Task 2 - In Situ Testing for Design and Construction

Mr. H. Miller, J. Greeves, and L. Hartung (NRC) discussed two review comments to the Executive Summary with Mr. D. Pentz. The comments are resolved and the contractor is printing the final report.

# Task 3 - Evaluation of Alternative Shaft Sinking Techniques

This task is complete.

## Task 4 - Trade-off in the Relationship of the Test Facility to the Repository

This task is complete.

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#### Task 5 - Evaluation of Engineering Aspects of Backfill Placement

The draft Final Report is being prepared. A RFPA requesting a no-cost extension of sixty days for NRC to review the draft report and GAI to print the Final Report has been sent to the Division of Contracts.

## Task 6 - Direct Technical Assistance to NRC

All Assigned Projects 1 thru 15 have been completed and have been below estimated costs.

Assigned Project 19 - Drafts of GAI review of EWIP SCR, Preparation of DSCA and Appendix "Y", have been received by NRC. The work is on schedule and within the estimated costs.

The action taken by this letter is considered to be within the scope of the current contract No. NRC-02-81-037. No change to costs or delivery of contract products are authorized. Please notify me if you believe that this letter would result in changes to costs of delivery of contract products.

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