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March 27, 1984

Robert E. Browning, Director
Division of Waste Management
U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
7915 Eastern Avenue
Silver Spring, Maryland 20910

Dear Mr. Browning:

SUBJECT: TRAVEL TO FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY AND BELGIUM

The purpose of this letter is to bring to your attention that the DOE is planning to visit the Federal Republic of Germany and Belgium from April 23, 1984 to May 3, 1984 (see attached trip itinerary). The purpose of this travel is to gain an understanding of the Nuclear Waste Disposal Program in those two countries and to visit the nuclear waste disposal research facilities located in Asse, Konrad and Gorleben, West Germany and the facilities in Mol, Belgium. It is anticipated that I, Mr. Bennett of DOE Headquarters, Mr. Goldsmith of ONWI, and Mr. Stafford of Parsons-Redpath will be making the trip.

I would like to invite a representative from your organization to accompany us on the trip. I believe a technical representative would be most appropriate. The principle focuses of this trip will be related to the development of exploratory shaft facilities in salt and clays and to the research and development of heater and radioactive tests at the Asse Mine. We plan to discuss technical issues related to the disposal of nuclear waste and visit the underground nuclear waste research and development facilities. Should you wish to have a representative accompany us, please contact Roger Wu of my staff at (614) 424-5916 commercial, or FTS 976-5916, by April 4, 1984. It is up to each individual to obtain his passport for this trip.

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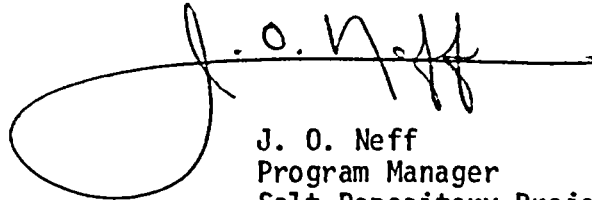
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We will be pleased to take the responsibility for making reservations and associated travel arrangements.

Sincerely,

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J. O. Neff
Program Manager
Salt Repository Project Office

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Enclosures:

1. Final Itinerary to Federal Republic of Germany and Belgium

cc: J. Leary, DOE-HQ
W. Bennett, DOE-HQ
C. George, DOE-HQ
J. Fiore, DOE-HQ
A. Perge, DOE-HQ

Final Itinerary to Federal Republic of Germany and Belgium

4/23.....Lv Columbus/Kennedy Airports

4/24.....Arrive Frankfurt and Hannover Airports and stay

4/25.....Travel to Gorleben/DWK (G. Grubler) and return to Braunschweig

4/26.....Visit Asse/GSF (K. Kuhn)

4/27.....Visit PTB (Rothemyer) and Konrad (K. Rabsilber)

4/28.....Travel to Koln/Bonn

4/29.....Sun/Rest

4/30.....Meeting in Bonn (R. Randl)

5/1.....Travel to Mol, Belgium

5/2.....Visit CEN/SCK (R. Heremans/P. Dejonghe) and tour Mol facilities

5/3.....Travel to Brussels Airport and fly to Kennedy Airport