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Combustion Engineering, Inc.
ATTN: Mr. James A. Rode
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Docket No. 070-00036

Gentlemen:

This refers to the telephone conversation between you and Mr. Roy J. Caniano of this office on December 21, 1990, regarding arrangements for a meeting between members of our organizations. This meeting is scheduled for 1:00 p.m. (CST), January 8, 1991, at the NRC office at 799 Roosevelt Road, Building 4, Glen Ellyn, Illinois.

The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the December 18, 1990, release of uranium hexafluoride (UF₆) which occurred at your facility during a sample collection process. As was discussed with you during the December 21, 1990 telephone call, it is expected that in addition to providing us a detailed chronology of events surrounding the release, you will also be prepared to discuss the following items:

- Root cause analysis surrounding the event.
- Corrective actions to prevent similar events from occurring including a discussion of your procedures for generating non-routine shop traveler special evaluation procedures.
- Criteria used for the classification of this event as a site area alert and a discussion of the emergency response actions of the two operators involved in the event.
- Timeliness of obtaining bioassay results in non-routine events, and
- A description of your respiratory certification program.

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If you have any questions related to this meeting, please contact Mr. Roy J. Caniano or Mr. George M. France at 708-790-5500.

Sincerely,

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