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SUBJECT: CORRECTION TO NMMSS BOOK BALANCE

Dear Mr. Proco:

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Please make a one-time correction to the NMMSS data base so that it will reflect the actual source material balance at the four LEU fuel fabricators. The correction to the NMMSS data base should be timed to correspond with the 1999 physical inventory report to NMMSS from the Westinghouse, General Electric, ABB-Combustion Engineering and the Framatome fuel fabricators.

If you need additional clarification or guidance to accept this direction, please direct such need to Mr. Brian Horn of my staff. His telephone number is (301) 415-8128.

Sincerely,

Original Signed By *E.W. Beach*

for Elizabeth Q. Ten Eyck, Director
Division of Fuel Cycle Safety
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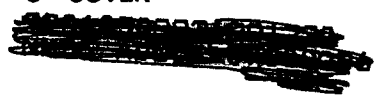
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