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Dear Dr. El-Baradel:

On behalf of the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC), I am pleased to provide, as an enclosure to this letter, NRC's perspective on security improvements made over the past five years in the United States. The Commission has significantly enhanced the security and emergency preparedness programs for NRC-licensed nuclear facilities and has further improvements planned for the future. The NRC has established a close and highly productive working relationships with Federal, State, and local agencies and with the nuclear sector to achieve our common goal to protect the homeland and the American public.

The state of security at U.S. nuclear facilities is strong and will get stronger as the NRC, other agencies, and those in the nuclear field continue their excellent cooperation. The NRC's extensive experience in nuclear matters makes it confident that these plants are very secure.

I look forward to discussing with you U.S. civilian nuclear security practices and to work with you on improvements to international security practices in the future.

Sincerely,

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Dale E. Klein

Enclosure:
Letter to the Secretary, U.S. Department
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