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December 28, 2007

Dr. Dala E. Klein
Chairman
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Washington, D.C. 20555, U.S.A.

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Dear Dr. Klein,

I am writing to inform you that I will leave the post of the president as of December 31, 2006.

Since became the first president of newly inaugurated Japan Atomic Energy Agency (JAEA) on October, 2005, I have dedicated myself to the management of the sole comprehensive institute for nuclear R&D in Japan, fully aware of the grave responsibilities as President.

I have been pleased to witness the successful launching of JAEA, which has paved the way to the solution of various nuclear-related issues in Japan. I think that we owe our success so far in large part to your cooperation and support.

I understand that my role has been to chart a clear agenda for solving longstanding problems facing former JAERI and JNC to ensure the steady inauguration of the new organization. After the opening of JAEA, we made sustained efforts to establish our organizational structure and basic guidelines for management, which were evaluated and endorsed by the government. I find the incipient stage of the inauguration thus ended with success.

Now I have reached the judgment that new leadership should be needed for furtherance of our institute, and decided to leave the post of President, though the implementation of the mid-term plan has not yet been completed.

Mr. Toshio Okazaki, Executive Vice-President is expected to succeed my post on January 1, 2007. As I have led JAEA fully in tandem with Mr. Okazaki, our basic guidelines for management are supposed to remain unchanged.

Finally, I would like to reiterate my thanks for your cooperation and request your continued support and advice for our organization.

Sincerely,

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