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Dear Dr. Tonozuka:

Thank you for your December 28, 2006 letter advising me of your resignation as President of the Japan Atomic Energy Agency (JAEA). The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) looks forward to continuing our good relationship with your successor, Mr. Toshio Okazaki.

You have the distinction of being JAEA's first President and have had a long and distinguished career as a leader in Japan's nuclear program. Your efforts in the field of research and development in Japan as well as your support for international cooperation are well recognized. The Commission has valued your friendship and cooperation with the NRC.

I wish you continued success in your professional endeavors. Please let me know when you will have an opportunity to visit Washington as I would enjoy the chance to welcome you to NRC and discuss international cooperation and nuclear safety matters.

Sincerely,

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Dale E. Klein