

February 22, 2007

Le Dinh Tien, Ph.D.
Vice Minister
Vietnam Ministry of Science and Technology
39 Tran Hung Dao Street
Hanoi
Vietnam

Dear Vice Minister Tien:

Thank you for the very warm and gracious welcome that you extended to me during my recent visit. I know that you have a very busy schedule and I appreciated the time you took to meet with me. Your remarks on Vietnam's nuclear power program were very informative and I am pleased that we were able to have such an open discussion. I wish you success in achieving your goals of advancing Vietnam's nuclear power program.

Sincerely,

/RA/

Jeffrey S. Merrifield

February 22, 2007

Ngo Dang Nhan, Ph.D.
Director General
Vietnam Agency for Radiation and Nuclear Safety & Control
70 Tran Hung Dao 4th Floor
Hoan Kiem, Hanoi
Vietnam

Dear Director General Nhan:

I would like to express my appreciation to you and your staff for taking time out of your busy schedules to arrange a luncheon and thorough and informative presentation of your agency and its activities.

As mentioned in our discussions the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission is willing to take the next steps to formalizing cooperation with the Vietnam Agency for Radiation and Nuclear Safety and Control in the area of safety regulation and share U.S. experience that may assist you in your future goals.

Again, thank you for your time and hospitality, and I wish you success in achieving your goals of building, operating, and safely regulating an advanced power reactor.

Sincerely,

/RA/

Jeffrey S. Merrifield

February 22, 2007

Le Van Hong, Ph.D.
Vice Chairman
Vietnam Atomic Energy Commission
59 Ly Thuong Kiet street
Hoan Kiem, Hanoi
Vietnam

Dear Vice Chairman Hong:

I would like to express my appreciation to you for taking time out of your busy schedule to meet with me during my recent trip to Vietnam. The outline you gave of Vietnam's activities of pursuing a nuclear power program was interesting and informative.

This is an important time for the global nuclear arena, and I am encouraged by Vietnam's strides to continue its safe regulation of nuclear material and sources, and your continued attention to the regulatory challenges of pursuing nuclear power.

I wish you success in achieving your goals of building, operating, and safely regulating an advanced power reactor, and look forward to further discussion on cooperation between the U.S. NRC and VAEC.

Sincerely,

/RA/

Jeffrey S. Merrifield

February 22, 2007

Mr. Jonathan Aloisi
Deputy Chief of Mission
U.S. Embassy
7 Lang Ha Street
Hanoi, Vietnam

Dear Mr. Aloisi:

Thank you for meeting with me during my recent visit to Vietnam. As I mentioned to you, my visit included discussions with Vietnam's nuclear regulatory authorities. They described in detail their intention to build and operate an advanced nuclear power reactor. I will pass along to our staff the Vietnamese regulator's request for support in these endeavors, including the request for a cooperative arrangement and training in reactor safety regulation.

I want to take this opportunity to recognize the excellent support that Mr. Dan Langenkamp provided to me during my visit. His knowledge of Vietnam and the assistance he provided was key to the success of my mission.

Sincerely,

/RA/

Jeffrey S. Merrifield

February 22, 2007

Mr. Dan Langenkamp
Economic Officer
U.S. Embassy
7 Lang Ha Street
Hanoi, Vietnam

Dear Mr. Langenkamp:

Thank you for the excellent support that you provided me during my recent visit to Vietnam. I very much appreciated the opportunity to meet the regulators of Vietnam and discuss their intention to build and operate an advanced nuclear power reactor. All of the arrangements you made were excellent. Your knowledge of affairs in Vietnam contributed to this opportunity to enhance my understanding of Vietnam's nuclear power program and the culture of the country itself. I wish you all the best in your career.

Sincerely,

/RA/

Jeffrey S. Merrifield

February 22, 2007

Mr. Zeng Xi
Deputy General Manager
Jiangsu Nuclear Power Corporation
No. 28 Haitang Road
Lianyungang, Jiangsu 222042
China

Dear Mr. Zeng:

Thank you for taking time from your busy schedule to meet with me during my recent visit to Tianwan Nuclear Power Station. Your presentation of the Tianwan Plants was very informative. I also want to express my appreciation for the technical tour of Tianwan Unit 1. I wish you all the best in your pursuit of successful and safe operations.

Sincerely,

/RA/

Jeffrey S. Merrifield

February 22, 2007

Mr. LI Gangie
Vice Minister
State Environmental Protection Administration (SEPA)
National Nuclear Safety Administration (NNSA)
115 Xizhimennei Nanxiaojie
Beijing 100035, China

Dear Vice Minister LI:

I would like to express my appreciation to you and your staff for taking time out of your busy schedules to arrange a thorough and informative presentation program and luncheon. It was an honor for me to meet such an impressive group of prominent individuals in China's nuclear field and engage in a rich and lively discussion about the future of nuclear energy.

It is clear that with the existing arrangement that has stood for 26 years and the consideration of a memorandum of understanding on AP1000 between the two countries, there will continue to be strong cooperation between NRC and SEPA/NNSA.

Sincerely,

/RA/

Jeffrey S. Merrifield

February 22, 2007

The Honorable Clark T. Randt, Jr.
Ambassador
U.S. Embassy
Xiu Shui Bei Jie 3, 100600
Beijing, China

Dear Ambassador Randt:

I would like to take this opportunity to extend my sincerest appreciation to you and your staff for the hard work in arranging my recent visit to China.

I would especially like to recognize Virginia Curran for taking the time and effort necessary to arrange my meetings with China's National Nuclear Safety Administration and State Environmental Protection Administration, and my site visit to Tianwan Nuclear Power Plant. Her efforts contributed greatly to the success of my visit. She was exceptionally professional and helpful, and it was a pleasure to meet and interact with her.

Again, thank you for taking time out of your busy schedule to speak with me. I welcome future discussion with you about the exciting new chapter on which the U.S. nuclear industry is embarking.

Sincerely,

/RA/

Jeffrey S. Merrifield

February 22, 2007

Virginia Curran, Ph.D.
Science Officer
U.S. Embassy
Xiu Shui Bei Jie 3, 100600
Beijing, China

Dear Dr. Curran:

Thank you for the excellent support that you provided me during my recent visit to China. I appreciated the opportunity to meet the regulators of China and discuss their upcoming plans on building the AP1000 and cooperation with the U.S. All of the arrangements you made were excellent. Your knowledge of the nuclear field and affairs in China contributed to this opportunity to enhance my understanding of China's nuclear program. I wish you all the best in your career.

Sincerely,

/RA/

Jeffrey S. Merrifield

February 22, 2007

Mr. Atsushi Ohide
Executive Officer
Fukushima Daiichi Nuclear Power Station
22 Kitahara Ottozawa Ohkuma-machi Futaba-gun
Fukushima-pref 979-1301
Japan

Dear Mr. Ohide:

I would like to express my appreciation to you for taking time out of your busy schedule to host an informative and enjoyable visit of Fukushima Daiichi Unit 6 during my recent trip in Japan. I was impressed by the condition and operation of the site and by your kind accommodation of my request to visit specific areas. I also appreciate the lunch you had prepared for me when my rigorous schedule precluded me to sit down and have an extended lunch with you at the site.

I am grateful for the opportunity to have viewed the Unit 6 site. Please extend my sincerest thanks to the Fukushima staff who took time out of their schedules to help with the tour.

Again, thank you for your time, hospitality, and informative presentation. I wish you all the best in your continued pursuit of successful and safe operations.

Sincerely,

/RA/

Jeffrey S. Merrifield

February 22, 2007

Mr. Ikuo Sato
Director
Japan Steel Works Ltd.
Muroran Plant
4 Chatsu-Machi
Muroran, Hokkaido 051-8505
Japan

Dear Mr. Sato:

I would like to express my appreciation to you for taking time out of your busy schedule to host an informative and enjoyable visit of Japan Steel Works during my recent trip to Japan. I was extremely impressed by the condition and operation of the plant.

As you know, the United States is preparing itself for a resurgence in nuclear power plant construction. It was very valuable for me to have the opportunity to observe and learn more about Japan Steel Works' parts and component manufacturing, especially since this may be the origin of parts and components for U.S. plants.

Please extend my sincerest thanks to the Japan Steel Works staff who took time out of their schedules to help with the tour.

Again, thank you for your time, hospitality, and informative presentation and tour. I wish you all the best in your continued pursuit of successful operations.

Sincerely,

/RA/

Jeffrey S. Merrifield

February 22, 2007

Kiyoharu Abe, Ph.D.
Deputy Director General
Nuclear Industrial Safety Agency
1-3-1 Kasumigaseki
Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo 100-8986
Japan

Dear Dr. Abe:

I would like to take this opportunity to extend my sincerest appreciation to you and your staff for the hard work in arranging my recent visit to Japan and your hospitality in hosting the lovely dinner on Friday, February 9. It was an honor for me to see you again and meet individuals of your staff and engage in a rich and lively discussion about the future of nuclear energy.

We share a common belief that a strong regulatory infrastructure is the cornerstone to a safe, secure and successful nuclear program, and the NRC will continue to participate in international activities with Japan to work toward this objective.

Again, thank you for taking time out of your busy schedule to give me such a warm welcome. I welcome future discussion with you about U.S. and Japanese cooperation and the exciting new chapter on which the U.S. nuclear industry is embarking.

Sincerely,

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Jeffrey S. Merrifield

February 22, 2007

Hideki Nariai, Ph.D.
President
Japan Nuclear Energy Safety Organization
3-17-1 Toranomom
Minato-ku, Tokyo 105-0001
Japan

Dear President Nariai:

I would like to take this opportunity to extend my sincerest appreciation to you and your staff for the hard work in arranging my recent visit to Japan and your hospitality in hosting the lovely dinner on Friday, February 9. It was an honor for me to see you again and meet individuals of your staff and engage in a rich and lively discussion about the future of nuclear energy.

I would especially like to recognize Masaki Nakagawa and Kazunobu Sakamoto of your staff for the time and effort they put in to making my meetings and site visits with Fukushima Nuclear Power Station and Japan Steel Works a success. Both were exceptionally professional and helpful, and it was a pleasure to meet and interact with them.

Again, thank you for taking time out of your busy schedule to give me such a warm welcome. I welcome future discussion with you about U.S. and Japanese cooperation and the exciting new chapter on which the U.S. nuclear industry is embarking.

Sincerely,

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Jeffrey S. Merrifield

February 22, 2007

Mr. Osamu Maekawa
Technology Executive
Toshiba Corporation
1-1 Shibaura 1-Chrome
Minato-ku, Tokyo 105-8001
Japan

Dear Mr. Maekawa:

I would like to express my appreciation to you and the other members of the Toshiba staff for taking time out of your busy schedules to meet with me during my recent visit to Japan. It was interesting for me to learn more about Toshiba's mission, scope, and some of the new developments Toshiba hopes to introduce in the U.S. I also appreciate your hospitality in hosting a dinner for me during my trip.

I am grateful for the opportunity to have toured the Isogo Engineering Center. Please extend my sincerest thanks to the Isogo staff who took time out of their weekend to give me a tour of the research and development areas where testing is taking place.

Again, thank you for your time, hospitality, and informative presentation and tour. I welcome the opportunity to continue our dialogue in the future.

Sincerely,

/RA/

Jeffrey S. Merrifield

February 22, 2007

Ms. Ayanna Hobbs
Science Officer
U.S. Embassy
1-10-5 Akasaka
Minato-ku, Tokyo 107-8420
Japan

Dear Ms. Hobbs:

Thank you for the excellent support that you provided me during my recent visit to Japan. It was an aggressive program of meetings and site visits, and all of the arrangements you made were proficient. Your knowledge of affairs in Japan, fluency in the language, as well as the status of their nuclear program, contributed greatly to this opportunity to enhance my understanding of Japan's nuclear program. I wish you all the best in your career in the Foreign Service.

Sincerely,

/RA/

Jeffrey S. Merrifield

(Multi addressees)

Dear :

Vietnam

Ministry of Science and Technology Vice Minister Tien

Vietnam Atomic Energy Commission Deputy Director General Hong

Vietnam Agency for Radiation and Nuclear Safety and Controls Director General Nhan

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Embassy Science officer, Virginia Curran

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Fukushima Nuclear Power Plant Manager

Japan Steel Works Manager Sato

NISA Deputy Director General Abe

JNES President Nariai

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Sincerely,

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Jeffrey S. Merrifield

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