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Dr. Dale E. Klein
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U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington, D.C. 20555
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To be hand-delivered by Dr. Paul Dickman

Dear Chairman Klein:

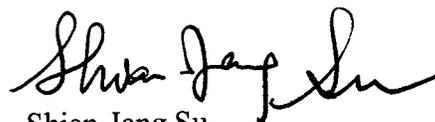
It's regrettable that you were unable to come to Taiwan for the 2007 Annual Meeting of the TECRO-AIT Joint Standing Committee on Civil Nuclear Cooperation (CNC) which starts today in Taipei. Still, your sincerity and thoughtfulness of sending Dr. Paul Dickman to attend the meeting on your behalf is greatly appreciated.

Since the signing of CNC in 1984, nuclear communities in both countries have enjoyed fruitful exchange of technology and experiences in a full spectrum of nuclear related subjects, especially in the nuclear regulatory area. A great number of AEC staffers have received solid training at NRC, and numerous safety regulations, standards and SOPs, as well as lessons learned from nuclear plant operations were successfully passed on from NRC to AEC. Most recently, activities such as licensing of MUR power uprate and implementation of maintenance rule, were added to the list of cooperation items. We value such exchange very much and appreciate the support NRC has lent us all along, and are ready to build further on the already sound foundation through expansion of cooperation in areas of mutual interest.

I am fully aware that NRC has received a COL application from NRG Energy for two ABWR units in South Texas, and more applications are expected in the coming year. In fact both the regulators and the utility folks for the South Texas Project are visiting Taipower's Lungmen power station this week. We'd very much like to offer our experience in areas such as PSAR and FSAR reviews and training of operators, and be most pleased to share results of pre-op and start-up tests, among others that would be of interest to the Commission. I believe that we can all work together to open a new page in our cooperation, not only between regulators but between utilities, in the coming years.

Let me take this occasion to invite you to visit AEC and nuclear facilities in Taiwan, whenever your travel plans bring you to the Far East. I would familiarize you with first-hand information on our nuclear regulatory and related programs.

Sincerely yours,



Shian-Jang Su
Minister and Chairman

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