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30th May, 2007

Dear Dr. Klein,

The NRC is at the historical heart of the world's nuclear energy industry. I am researching and writing a narrative global history of nuclear power, spanning 65 years and 40 countries. The Nuclear Regulatory Commission and AEC, its predecessor, will play a central part in my book, and I seek your help with my research.

I am a career business executive of 30 years standing. At various stages I have been a CEO of a leading Australian health insurer and CFO of a major Australian life insurer in Hong Kong. My present executive role is that of Head of Operations & Finance of INVESCO Australia, part of the giant global investment management company AMVESCAP, headquartered in Atlanta. I am an actuary by profession. I attach my resume for reference.

I am also a writer. Currently, as stated above, I'm undertaking research for a book on the global history of nuclear power. As one would expect from my actuarial background and my general management career in the financial services sector, the focus of my work-in-progress is not the typical one of writers about nuclear energy. I am especially fascinated by reactor engineering design, by reactor construction and operation, by the industry's macro history, by the history of nuclear electricity's economics, and by nuclear power's historical role in global energy supply. Of course my text will also chart the dramas of six decades of nuclear-power-related politics and societal interplay. The nuclear power industry is unique and I plan to chart the course of its impact on the world.

Naturally the United States, with nearly a quarter of the world's reactors, is of overriding interest to me, especially as the birthplace of practical fission and the dominant light water design. I plan to conduct a research visit in September.

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I would greatly appreciate any assistance and access NRC is able to provide, including any of the following:

- Interviews with key officials about recent regulatory history – legislative and regulatory changes, license extensions, design certification, ESP applications, COL applications, etc. An interview with you would be especially useful.
- Would there be any long-serving or retired experts who would be interested in being interviewed about the less recent history, i.e. going back to the 1970s and 1980s? I envisage this might occur later and over the phone.
- Contacts (inside and outside NRC) for ongoing interviews and research would be especially helpful.
- Are there any archive facilities that I could discuss accessing? I am contemplating an extended archival research visit in early 2008.

I plan to be in Washington, D.C. for four days in early fall, namely the 10th to 13th of September. Please let me know if assistance can be provided during this period.

For your information, during my US visit I will also conduct historical research in four other locations, covering a number of subjects important for my book: the pioneering reactor design and construction years; the history of nuclear energy regulation; the fascinating political/public debates over the last forty years; the history of energy demand and supply, including the impact of global warming; the nuclear power economics debates; and the current 'renaissance.'

Please feel free to contact me (email might be best) on any aspect of my plans.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours faithfully,



Andres Kabel

PS – having been an organizational head myself, I know how much mail crosses your desk, so I have taken the liberty of copying in some officers who might be most pertinently interested in my endeavors. Hopefully this will not cause any confusion.

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