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March 13, 1986

MEMORANDUM FOR: James H. Joyner, Chief
Nuclear Materials Safety and Safeguards, RI

FROM: Leonard I. Cobb, Chief
Safeguards and Materials Programs Branch, IE

SUBJECT: DAMAGED EXPORT SHIPMENT BY NUCLEAR METALS INC.

Enclosed is a letter received by Al Grella from the Canadian Atomic Energy Control Board. It provides details of an investigation by that Agency of a damaged package in an export shipment of depleted uranium from Nuclear Metals Inc., Concord, Massachusetts to Europe through the Port of Montreal. Apparently, the damage resulted from an improperly loaded freight container wherein the packages had not been properly secured within the freight container.

I recommend that during the next scheduled inspection of this licensee that an inquiry be made into this event to determine whether there was any licensee noncompliance with applicable requirements, e.g., specifically 40 CFR 176.76(a).

Please let us know the results of this inquiry so that we may eventually inform the Canadian authorities.

Original Signed By:
Leonard I. Cobb

Leonard I. Cobb, Chief
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Enclosure:
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