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Dear Mr. Layton:

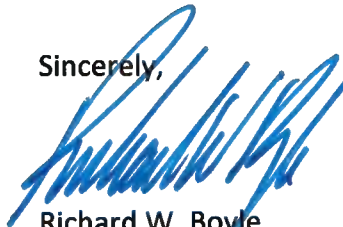
In accordance with the Memorandum of Understanding between our agencies, I request that you review the attached French Certificate of Approval No. F/357/B(U)-96 (Revision Eaf), for the TN-MTR package and make a recommendation concerning our revalidation of the package for import and export use. Please note that the NRC has previously reviewed this package under docket 71-3052.

I request that you limit your review to the package configured with intact MTR (Material Test Research) fuel assemblies in an MTR-52SV2 basket (as described in Appendix 9 attached to the French certificate as content number 9, sub-content 1, excluding U_3O_8 alloy fuel elements). To assist you in your review, technical data to support this review is contained on the enclosed disc.

This request is in support of the U.S. Department of Energy/ National Nuclear Security Administration's Foreign Research Reactor Spent Nuclear Fuel Acceptance Program. Since our applicant desires our revalidation of the certificate on or before January 30, 2019, I request an expedited review and request that you provide an estimate of the time needed to complete your review.

If you have any questions or need any additional safety information, please feel free to contact Michael Conroy of my staff at (202) 366-3597 or via email at Michael.Conroy@dot.gov.

Sincerely,



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