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Dear Mr. Kerr:

In response to Mr. Kendig's telephone call of December 3, and your letter dated December 4, 1979, the State of Colorado would like to officially request the assistance of the NRC's contractor to evaluate the tailings impoundments stability at the Union Carbide facility at Uravan, Colorado. If the contractor can provide additional information over and above that provided by the Union Carbide reports made by Dames and Moore, and Acres, it would be most important to acquire that information as soon as possible.

The contractor's information plus that identified by Dames and Moore, and Acres, and evaluated by the various state offices involved will allow an appropriate decision on the actions to be taken and the time frames involved.

Your immediate attention to our request will be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely.

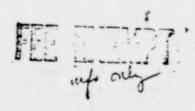
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