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Attention Director of Nuclear Materials Safety and Safeguards

Gentlemen:

In order to be in compliance with the requirements of Title 10 CFR, Part 71, Section 71.12, Battelle's Columbus Laboratories (BCL), 505 King Avenue, Columbus, Ohio 43201, request that it be registered as a user of the USA/5908/B()F package for the shipments of $\rm UO_2$ with an isotopic content in the range of 97 w/o U-235.

These shipments are in conjunction with a DOE R&D program currently underway at BCL.

Your earliest response to this request would be appreciated as we auticipate our first shipment about mid June, 1979. If further information is required regarding this request, please call me on FTS 976-4853.

Very truly yours,

Homer M. Faust/ Nuclear Materials

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