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Dear Doctor Tenney:

Thanks very much for your invitation to talk at the Fourth ANS Topical Meeting on The Technology of Controlled Nuclear Fusion this coming October 14. As I told Bill Gough, it is an interesting subject and I would give the talk if my arrangements for October permitted.

I am sorry to say that it looks very much as though I will be in Europe during that week, and probably the weeks before and after as well. You need to get the program for the meeting pretty well in hand now and I think it would be safer if you counted me out.

I agree with Bill that it is none too early to begin to think a little about what the licensing process for fusion units might be, if there is to be a licensing process for fusion. If you wanted to find a speaker on the subject, I would suggest calling Herbert Kouts at Brookhaven National Laboratory. I have not talked to Herb and do not know what his interest and availability might be, but he has experience with the NRC regulatory regime, having worked here on the staff for several years, and he is a very able reactor physicist who has certainly more than a nodding acquaintance with fusion matters (although he is not an active worker in the field). Herb's number is 516-345-2918 on the commercial lines and 666-2918 if you have an FTS line available.

I neglected to get Bill Gough's address when he called so I am enclosing a copy of this letter which you could perhaps send on to him. Sorry, Bill.

Sincerely,

Joseph M. Hendrie
Commissioner

Enclosure:
As stated

cc: Bill Gough

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