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Dear Dr. Toepfer:

Thank you for your letter of January 9, 1989, concerning the status of nuclear safety cooperation between the Federal Republic of Germany and the Soviet Union. I believe that agreements like the one your government has concluded with the Soviet Union have the potential to enhance the safety of nuclear power plants throughout the world.

U. S. cooperation with the U.S.S.R. is progressing. A U.S. working group visited the Soviet Union in December to discuss some of the topics identified in the protocol signed during my August 1988 visit to the Soviet Union, which I described when we met in Bonn.

We are currently finalizing the report of my visit. Since this report will contain information regarding on-going cooperative activities in the area of nuclear reactor safety between the United States and the Soviet Union, I would be pleased to send you a copy of the report when it is published.

I look forward to continued exchanges of information and experiences between our two agencies on nuclear safety and our cooperative efforts with the Soviet Union.

Sincerely,

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