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Northwest Airlines, Inc.  
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General License

Gentlemen:

This refers to the September 29, 1989 telephone conversation between you and Messrs. R. J. Caniano and G. J. Shear of my staff regarding an allegation concerning activities related to your use of aircraft counterweights containing depleted uranium (RIII-89-A-0116). Your use of depleted uranium is authorized by a General License issued under 10 CFR Part 40.13. Details of this allegation are enclosed for your review and followup.

As was discussed with you on September 29, 1989, we request that the results of your review and disposition of this allegation be submitted to Region III within 30-days of the date of this letter. We request that your response contain no personal privacy or proprietary information so it can be released to the public and placed in the NRC Public Document Room. If necessary, such information shall be contained in a separate attachment which will be withheld from public disclosure. The affidavit required by 10 CFR 2.790(b) must accompany your response if proprietary information is included.

The enclosure to this letter should be controlled and distribution limited to personnel with a "need to know" until your investigation of the allegations has been completed and reviewed by Region III.

The enclosure to this letter is considered Exempt from Public Disclosure in accordance with Title 10, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 2.790(a). However, a copy of this letter, excluding the enclosure, will be placed in the NRC Public Document Room.

The response requested by this letter and the accompanying enclosure are not subject to the clearance procedures of the Office of Management and Budget as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1980, PL 96-511. We have enclosed 10 CFR Parts 2 and 40 with this letter to assist you in this matter.

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Your cooperation with us is appreciated. We will gladly discuss any questions you may have concerning this information.

Sincerely,

*Charles E. Norelius*

Charles E. Norelius, Director  
Division of Radiation Safety  
and Safeguards

Enclosures:

- 1. 10 CFR Parts 2 and 40
- 2. Allegation Details  
(10 CFR PART 2.790 INFORMATION)

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