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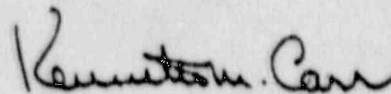
October 31, 1989

The Honorable James D. Watkins
Secretary of Energy
Washington, D. C. 20585

Dear Mr. Secretary:

Thank you for your letter and phone call of October 18th regarding your initiative on operational nuclear power plant safety with Chairman Protsonko of the USSR State Committee for Utilization of Atomic Energy. I believe your proposals should be considered under the Joint Coordinating Committee on Civilian Nuclear Reactor Safety (JCCCNRS). I share your views that reactor safety is an important area. The meeting you have scheduled on November 1, 1989, will provide an excellent opportunity to explore this initiative. Mr. James Taylor, the Nuclear Regulatory Commission's (NRC's) Acting Executive Director for Operations and U.S. Co-chairman of the JCCCNRS, will represent the NRC at this meeting and will provide the NRC perspective.

Sincerely,


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