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License: 42-23539-01AF

Department of the Air Force  
ATTN: Col David G. Wood  
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Gentlemen:

This refers to the routine, announced, annual summary inspection conducted by Mr. William L. Fisher of this office and Mr. Lee A. Franklin of the NRC Region II office during the period December 5-7, 1989, of activities authorized by NRC Master Materials License 42-23539-01AF and to the discussion of our findings with Col David G. Wood and others at the conclusion of the inspection and by telephone with Col Charles K. Maffet on December 8, 1989. The enclosed NRC Inspection Report 30-28641/89-09 documents this inspection.

The inspection was an examination of activities conducted under the license as they relate to radiation safety and to compliance with the Commission's rules and regulations and the conditions of the license. The inspection consisted of selective examinations of procedures and representative records, interviews with personnel, and observations by the inspectors.

No violations were identified within the scope of this inspection. However, we call your attention to the unresolved item in Section 8 of the inspection report, which might have involved a violation of the labeling requirement of 10 CFR 31.5. In order to resolve this matter expeditiously, we ask that by March 1, 1990, you provide this office your findings regarding the extent and duration of the labeling problem.

The inspectors selectively reviewed corrective actions taken in response to violations identified by Air Force Inspection and Safety Center (AFISC) inspections and violations identified by NRC inspections since late 1988. No problems were identified during this review. However, as described in Section 6 of the report and discussed during the exit interview, we would prefer to see Air Force identified violations described more straightforwardly than presently described in some AFISC inspection reports.

As indicated in Section 2 of the report, the inspectors discussed the continuing need for the Air Force to resolve conflicts between Department of Transportation (DOT) regulations and Air Force regulations governing military air shipments of licensed material. In response to this discussion, by March 1, 1990, the Air Force should either request a license amendment, as committed to by letter dated January 31, 1989, or confirm that NRC-licensed material will be transported in accordance with 10 CFR 71 and incorporated DOT references.

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The response requested by this letter and accompanying Notice is 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 will be pleased to discuss any questions you have concerning this letter.

Sincerely,  
*Original Signed By*  
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Enclosures:

1. Appendix A - NRC Inspection Report  
30-28641/89-09
2. Appendix B - Air Force Inspections  
Conducted by NRC between September 1988  
and November 1989

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