

NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

Defense Logistics Agency Headquarters, DLA-QL Cameron Station Alexandria, VA 22304-6100

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Dear Sir:

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If there is any additional information you require, please call me or Mr. Walter Haass at (301) 492-3219.

Sincerely,

Brian K. Grimes, Grector

Division of Reactor Inspection and Safeguards

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Mr. Hershel Taylor U.S. Postal Service 475 L'Enfant Plaza, S.W. Room 1012 Washington, D. C. 20260

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Mrs. hancy Nifong-Kerlin Chief, Procurement Division U.S. Secret Service 1310 L St., N.W. Washington, D.C. 20223

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UNITED STATES NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION WASHINGTON D C 20555

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State of California Air National Guard Malitary Department P.O. Box 214405 Sacramento, CA 95821

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