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REGION IV

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Homestake Mining Company ATTN: Mr. Richard Farrell P.O. Box 98 Grants, New Mexico 87020

Gentlemen:

This refers to the special announced radiation safety inspection conducted by Mr. Konwinski of this office on February 6, 1990, of the activities authorized by NRC Source Material License SUA-1471, and to the discussion of our findings held by the inspector with members of your staff at the conclusion of the inspection. The enclosed NRC Inspection Report 40-8903/90-01 documents this inspection.

The inspection was an examination of the 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 of personnel, independent measurements, and observations by the inspector.

During this inspection, no violations or deviations were identified.

In accordance with 10 CFR 2.790 of the Commission's regulations, a copy of this letter and the enclosed inspection report will be placed in the NRC's Public Document Room.

Should you have any questions concerning this letter, we will be pleased to discuss them with you.

Sincerely.

Ramon E. Hall Director

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Enclosures: 1. Appendix A - NRC Inspection Report No. 40-8903/90-01