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Dear Mr. Park:

The technical experts on the NRC Incident Investigation Team (IIT) gathering information about the March 8 incident in which an unshielded iridium-192 source was found in a shipment of supposedly empty source changer devices from Korea has potentially identified the original U.S. source of the equipment as the Industrial Nuclear Company (INC) in California. Their check of INC's records has indicated that 10 candidate sources were shipped to the following distributor in Korea:

Boo Kyung Sa, Ltd.
Building 34, Yoino-Dong, Yeongdeungpo-ku
Seoul, Korea

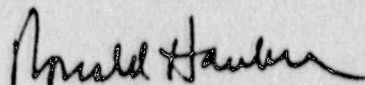
President: Young Jin Oh

I request your urgent assistance in approaching Boo Kyung Sa, Ltd. to find out which of the following devices (identified by serial numbers) Boo Kyung Sa subsequently shipped to the Korea Industrial Testing Company, Ltd: 1030, 1031, 1032, 1033, 1035, 1036, 1060, 1061, 1062, 1063. If Boo Kyung Sa is unable to identify the sources provided by these serial numbers, any information it could provide on the (a) date of manufacture, (b) initial strength of the source(s), or (c) date it sent the source(s) to the Korea Industrial Testing Company, Ltd. would be most helpful to the IIT's investigation.

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Please forward this information by immediate return fax. I will keep you advised of further developments here and look for your early advice on the progress of the investigation in Korea.

Sincerely,



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