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Director of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards
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Gentlemen:

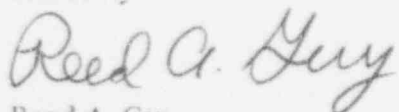
This letter concerns SNM-589, which is presently under timely renewal.

After discussions with Elaine Keegan, project manager for our review, Seattle University has decided to take advantage of Los Alamos National Laboratory's Pu-Be Source Recovery Program by transferring all of our Pu-Be neutron sources (M519, M1088, M1089, and M1090, described in section 1.4 of our renewal application) to LANL. The date of transfer of the sources is currently projected to be the week of April 5-9, 1993.

Thus we are now requesting relicensing only for the uranium fuel for the reactor. However, since the subcritical reactor cannot be operated without a Pu-Be source, we would not be making use of the reactor in any courses at the University, i.e., we would simply be storing the fuel. In that case, perhaps consideration should be given to returning the uranium fuel slugs to the U.S. Department of Energy at some time in the future.

Please let me know if there is additional information I need to provide.

Sincerely



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Radiation Safety Officer and
Director of the Nuclear Facility

CC: Elaine Keegan



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