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Dear Jim:

I have received your monthly progress reports for July and August 1981 and have transmitted them to our research review group. They appear satisfied as to their content and scope. The annual report, "Geologic and Hydrologic Research at the Western New York Service Center, West Valley, New York. Progress Report" will be published as a "NUREG" report as soon as you send us "Appendix C" which includes the "graphic representatives of the geologic logs for the 1980 Drilling Program" you mentioned in your August 3, 1981 letter to me.

As to your request for authorization for the purchase of a computer terminal for use in the West Valley project, I have sent a copy of the September 2, 1981 letter with your request to Kellogg V. Morton, Research Contracts Branch. Division of Contracts, Office of Administration, AR-2223, and have asked them to send you a letter indicating our need for more information before it can be approved. In the future, please forward any requests or questions on procurement or financial arrangements directly to Mr. Morton, since only they have the authority to approve such requests.

Finally, I am glad you again have access to the site and appreciate your cooperative attitude reflected in your September 18, 1981 letter to Mr. Duckworth. Unfortunately I cannot accept your invitation for a geology field trip to the site due to the need for intensive field work in the relatively short remaining field season and our self-imposed visitation restrictions to the site.

Sincerely,

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