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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION
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The Honorable Thomas W. Simons, Jr.
Coordinator of U.S. Assistance to the NIS
United States Department of State
Washington, D.C. 20520

Dear Mr. Ambassador:

Thank you for your recent memorandum describing plans to transfer \$4 million of Foreign Assistance funds to support nuclear regulatory assistance to Russia. The NRC has already begun the process and necessary preparation to support the transfer of funds to provide assistance to the Russian regulatory body. In November 1993, Mr. James Taylor, NRC's Executive Director for Operations, hosted Mr. Alexander Gutsalov, First Deputy Chairman of GOSATOMNADZOR, for two weeks of extensive discussions that led to agreement on future nuclear regulatory assistance.

Additional project descriptions and plans are being developed to support the 632(a) inter-agency agreement with USAID and a timely transfer of funds. A member of Mr. Taylor's staff has been in contact with Patricia Matheson, USAID.

The NRC looks forward to working with you and your staff on this important nuclear safety assistance effort.

Sincerely,

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