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Dear Dr. Pascual:

Thank you for your letter of May 27, 1982. I agree with you that the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) and the Consejo de Seguridad Nuclear (CSN) should establish a joint program to arrive at our respective decisions on proposed modifications to the Westinghouse Model D-3 steam generators. Whatever changes are ultimately made could certainly affect reactors in both of our countries.

NRC, under the "Arrangement for the Exchange of Technical Information and Cooperation in Nuclear Safety Matters," has been sharing data with CSN on the tube wear problem. We send copies of all related published material to Dr. Benjamin Sanchez - F. Murias, the designated CSN contact. Mr. Jose Villadoniga, a CSN employee whose long-term assignment within the NRC staff is being extended through December 31, 1982, is notified of all meetings on this subject so that he can attend. We, in turn, have been receiving CSN input through these channels. We very much appreciate the data we have already received on the Almaraz experience.

When proposals are received from licensees in Spain or the U.S., I would propose to coordinate review schedules so that each of our agencies can remain fully informed of the other's analyses and, where appropriate, coordinated analyses can be considered. If there are additional CSN needs to be met, NRC would also be pleased to arrange a meeting or a series of discussions (either in person or by telephone, as we have done in the past) among the involved CSN and NRC staff. We would hope, in this way, to keep each other abreast of all developments on both fronts. I would appreciate your suggestions as to other cooperative efforts we might undertake.

Thank you for your open invitation to visit the CSN. The other Commissioners and I will certainly keep it in mind when next planning travel abroad. We would also like to see you, during any trip you might make to the United States.

Sincerely,

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