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Dear Dr. Kulikowski:

I am writing on behalf of Chairman Selin and the Commissioners to thank the Organization of Agreement States (OAS) for its Report of the Ad Hoc Committee on Data Gathering and Use. The report was frank and comprehensive and we found its content useful in providing a description of the status and worth of current data collection procedures.

As discussed at the Agreement States Managers' Workshop, I agree that an information system should be established that meets our collective needs in the most efficient manner. As you know, the NRC is currently developing an Atomic Energy Act (AEA) materials event database with the support of NRC's contractor, Idaho National Engineering Laboratory (INEL). It is expected to be functional before the end of FY94, and will be available to NRC and the Agreement States. The database structure is being designed for NRC/Agreement State equivalent event reports. We believe that the Agreement States, and thus NRC, can receive substantial benefit and provide valuable input by participating in the development of and providing reports to the database to improve our joint ability to extract and feedback significant lessons of experience and precursors to more serious events to users of radioactive materials. There is merit in considering the expansion of the NRC database, if practical, to include non-AEA and administrative statistical information which the Ad Hoc Committee Report suggests.

In order to better understand the scope and resource needs for an expanded system, OAS could form a working group to further explore the merits and obstacles of a national data base. The NRC will be prepared to participate on the working group if invited. Any recommendations from the working group would be considered along with comments or recommendations from other outside parties.

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If you have any questions or comments, please feel free to call me at (301) 504-3340. I look forward to continued discussions on these important issues.

Sincerely,

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