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Dr. John B. Martin
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Dear Dr. Martin:

As you are probably aware, each Fall in November the Materials Research Society (MRS) holds a meeting in Boston, Massachusetts. One of its largest symposia is The Scientific Basis for Nuclear Waste Management. Historically, this symposium has been the forum for current topics of interest in nuclear waste management. I am scheduled to be the chairman of this symposium for the 1983 Fall Meeting. In this capacity, I would like to invite you to be a member of the Steering Committee.

The role of a Steering Committee member is purely advisory in nature and requires no time commitments other than participation in the annual meeting. The theme for the 1983 meeting is research relative to repository placement in specific geological sites. This is a technical meeting in which research results are emphasized rather than policy. This theme seems appropriate since U.S. repository sites have recently taken on expanded roles for development of site specific information relative to repository licensing and since research activities in other countries are also becoming more focused. If you are unable to attend the annual steering committee meeting please feel free to send a senior representative. Invited steering committee members are:

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| W. W. Ballard | DOE |
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The steering committee meeting is scheduled for 2 to 4:00 p.m. on Sunday, October 31, 1982 at the Boston Park Plaza Hotel, Boston, Massachusetts. This is the day prior to this year's MRS meeting. The meeting room number is not currently available but can be obtained at the MRS registration desk in the hotel on Sunday afternoon. This relative late notice is due to a mixup in instructions and it is my hope that no offense is taken. Please respond prior to the October 31 meeting date.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink that reads "Gary L. McVay". The signature is written in a cursive style with a prominent initial "G".

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