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Dear Ms. Van Cleave:

In accordance with our telephone conversation yesterday, I am enclosing copies of the Brown & Root Aircraft Use Report for the two trips in the first quarter of 1986 reflecting stops made by Mr. Austin at locations near the Comanche Peak plant. You will note that they reflect a March 31, 1986 stop by Mr. Austin at Cleburne, Texas, and an April 5, 1986 flight by Mr. Austin and Mr. Magnuson to Stephenville, Texas.

The company has been unable to locate any record reflecting Mr. Macktal's signing in on the building logs at the Houston office, so we cannot throw further light on Mr. Macktal's claim on that subject.

Finally, your letter to Mr. Austin requested a waiver of applicable privileges and production of documents related to Mr. Macktal's claims. As I emplained, to the extent your area of interest is in determining whether Mr. Macktal's alleged concerns were investigated, you now have the benefit of your interview of Mr. Macktal, and presumably of his identification of the issues he claims to have raised. You can confirm with the Safeteam records at the site whether those items were addressed. However, as you are aware, there is presently litigation pending involving

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Mr. Macktal and his allegations, and the company cannot at this time agree to waive its privileges and protections concerning Mr. Macktal's meeting with Mr. Austin and Mr. Magnuson.

Sincerely,

J. Patrick Hickey Counsel for Brown & Root, Inc.

Enclosures

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