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Dr. M. Jack Ohanian President American Nuclear Society 555 North Kensington Avenue La Grange Park, Illinois 60525

Dear Dr. Onation:

I am responding to your letter of December 17, 1990, requesting NRC participation in the ANS-sponsored seminars on nuclear safety, which will be held in April 1991 in Prague. Czechoslo-vakia, and Budapest. Hungary. As you may know, the NRC has concluded bilateral nuclear safety information exchange arrangements with both Czechoslovakia and Hungary. The NRC staff is currently in the process of organizing meetings on a broad range of nuclear safety topics with combined technical teams from these countries. These meetings are scheduled to take place in Washington during the first part of April and also will include site visits to several nuclear facilities.

In light of our commitment to hold discussions with these two countries and the associated workload for our staff, we will be able to provide only limited support to the proposed ANS seminars. Dr. Themis Speis, Deputy Director for Research, Office of Nuclear Regulatory Research, accompanied by one contractor team member, will plan to join your delegation in Budapest to provide support in the areas of nuclear reactor regulation, and severe accident issues and related research. Dr. Speis will contact you directly to identify your specific support needs before selecting a particular specialist to accompany him.

I am confident that the participation of Dr. Speis and our contractor representative will provide the regulatory knowledge and experience you are seeking to enhance the overall capability of your delegation.

Sincerely,

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