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Adm. Kenneth M. Carr
Chairman
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington, DC 20555

Dear Chairman Carr: *Ken*

The American Nuclear Society (ANS) is planning to hold a five day PWR Safety Seminar with the Hungarian Nuclear Society (HNS), April 22-26, 1991, in Budapest, Hungary, preceded by a similar, but shorter (two-day), seminar with the Czech Nuclear Society (CNS), April 18 and 19, 1991, in Prague, Czechoslovakia. The objectives of these two PWR Safety Seminars are to provide an opportunity for exchange of technical information and the development of cooperation in the field of commercial nuclear reactor safety. Approximately 20 to 30 individuals with expertise in nuclear safety are expected to represent the ANS with a similar number of participants from the HNS and CNS.

We request participation by the NRC and its contractors doing work in the areas of analysis of accident phenomena and risk assessment. Since much important information and data in these areas have been developed recently by and on behalf of the NRC, we suggest that it would be most appropriate if one senior NRC staff representative and three NRC contractor representatives could participate in these important seminars. We have had preliminary discussions with Dr. Themis Speis of the NRC staff and several key ANS members among NRC contractor organizations in our initial planning efforts, and wish to express our appreciation for their assistance.

The technical programs being organized for these back-to-back seminars will include Hungarian and Czech presentations which would provide additional information on their VVER experience and safety analysis of interest to the NRC in its dealings with the Soviet Union and other countries operating VVERs.

I plan to personally head the ANS delegations at these seminars.

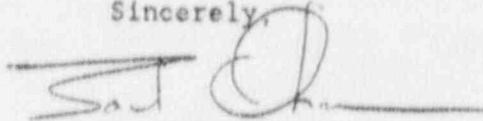
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I look forward to your favorable response for NRC participation in what we believe to be important initiatives in safety information exchange with our East European colleagues.

Wishing you all the best in the New Year.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "M. Jack Ohanian". The signature is stylized with a large, circular initial "O" and a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

M. Jack Ohanian

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cc: Mr. James M. Taylor
Executive Director for Operations - USNRC