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Mr. Ronald Hauber
Assistant Director
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U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington, DC 20555

Dear Mr. Hauber:

This is in further reference to the communication between this organization and your office concerning the immediate plans to place a TOPAZ II device in exhibition at the 8th Symposium on Space Nuclear Power Systems at Albuquerque, New Mexico during the period of January 8 to 10, 1991.

I have just been advised by responsible officers at the Department of Energy (DP-34) that the Sandia National Laboratories has agreed to accept custodial control of the TOPAZ II device during the period that it is on exhibit and while it is in storage, immediately thereafter. Adequate measures will be applied to assure the adequate physical protection of the equipment. Any further disposition of the device will, of course, be in full compliance with the application regulations, including the ones cited in your letter of December 28, 1990, to General O'Neill and we shall keep you informed of the next steps.

Sincerely yours,

RICHARD L. VERGA
Director, Key Technologies