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Dear Mr. Taylor,

As you know, the USSR Ministry of Nuclear Energy and Industry, which was created in 1990, has taken upon itself the fulfillment of international obligations and agreements previously fulfilled by the USSR Ministry of Nuclear Energy, the USSR Ministry of Medium Engineering and the USSR State Committee for the Utilization of Nuclear Power. In connection with the signing in June 1990 by the Presidents of the USSR and the USA of an Agreement between the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics and the United States of America on scientific and technical cooperation for peaceful uses of nuclear power, the government of the USSR has appointed the USSR Minister of Nuclear Energy and Industry, V.F.

Konovalov, as the co-chairman of a joint Soviet-American Commission on Cooperation in accordance with that Agreement.

Ascribing great importance to cooperation in accordance with the aforementioned Agreement, the results of which are highly regarded in the USSR, and wishing to bring the management structure for cooperation into conformance with the management structure of the Ministry, Minister V.F. Konovalov has assigned new members to the Soviet contingent of the Large Commission and made a number of changes in the administration of the Coordinating Committee for subject areas. Specifically, the Minister has designated as Deputy Co-Chairman of the Soviet group of the Coordinating Committee for Cooperation in the Area of Safety of Civilian Nuclear Reactors. Academician N.N. Ponomarev-Stepnoy has been designated Scientific Director of the Soviet section of the Coordinating Committee for Safety of Civilian Nuclear Reactors. Academician N.N. Ponomarev-Stepnoy and I are now examining the roster of members and consultants of the Soviet section of the JCC-SCNR (JCOMRS), intending to the greatest degree possible to involve in this cooperative work new people capable of correcting the situation in those areas of cooperation where it has not developed effectively. This particularly concerns Working Groups 7 and 5.

In informing you of my appointment, I wish to solicit your opinion concerning the following question:

According to a decision of the Ninth Session of the Large Commission in 1990 the texts of Memoranda concerning other areas of cooperation were renewed, but considering the fact that the text of the Memorandum on

Cooperation in the Area of Safety of Civilian Nuclear Reactors as a whole corresponds to the new text of the Agreement. I would consider it advisable to continue cooperation under that Memorandum without altering its text, with the intention of renewal upon expiration of its current term of effectiveness, i.e., in 1993.

Respectfully,

V.A. Sidorenko  
First Deputy Minister

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