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Ambassador Jenonne Walker
US Embassy Prague
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Dear Ambassador Walker:

I would like to thank you for your gracious hospitality and the wonderful dinner my staff and I enjoyed at your residence on September 20. This event gave me an excellent opportunity to meet some of the key Czech officials involved in the nuclear program, and to hear different points of view regarding the economic situation in the Czech Republic and expectations for energy development in the country. This was my first official visit to an East European country since my appointment as Chairman and I have been quite impressed by what I saw and learned.

As you know, just prior to my arrival in Prague, I had the occasion to visit the Temelin plant site where I was briefed on the status of construction and work remaining to be done. My impression was that insufficient progress in the installation of cabling has been made to allow bringing the plant on line as scheduled. Nevertheless, the NRC staff is working to ensure that the Czech Regulatory Authority SONS is receiving all the needed training to perform the Temelin licensing review. Our staff is looking into this matter further and may offer suggestions on possible approaches to handle this matter.

Again, it was a pleasure meeting you, and I hope that other opportunities will arise in the future when we can meet again, either in Prague or here in the Washington, D.C. area.

Sincerely,

Shirley Ann Jackson