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Battelle Pacific Northwest Laboratories ATTN: Mr. W. R. Wiley, Director P. O. Box 999 Richland, Washington 99352

Gentlemen:

This is to confirm the telephone conversation between your Mr. V. C. Asmund and Dr. A. L. Soong of my staff on February 24, 1987, regarding your September 16, 1986, letter which requested the reduction of possession limits in your SNM-942 license to less than a critical mass. As indicated to Mr. Asmund, the reduction of possession limits will make your license subject to the jurisdiction of the State of Washington. Therefore, you should apply for an amendment to your Washington State Materials License to include authority for the possession and use of the special nuclear material currently authorized by SNM-942. Once you have obtained the State authority, you should request NRC to terminate your Materials License No. SNM-942. We have also informed the Washington State Radiation Health Program of your request.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please call me at (301) . 427-4510.

Sincerely,

Original Signed By:

W. T. Crow, Acting Chief Uranium Fuel Licensing Branch Division of Fuel Cycle and Material Safety, NMSS

cc: Mr. Gary Robertson State of Washington Radiation Health Program

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