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Dear Mr. Carr:

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Areas examined in the inspection are identified in the report. Within these areas, the inspection consisted of selective examination of procedures and relevant records, interviews with facility employees, and observation of activities in progress. Within the scope of this inspection, no violations were identified and your facility was found to be operating safely and in compliance with the criticality safety requirements of your license. Three open follow-up items in the criticality safety area were closed, and one program weakness was identified. LMF Management has made a commitment to correct the identified weakness.

In accordance with the NRC's "Rules of Practice," a copy of this letter and its enclosures will be placed in the NRC Public Document Room. Should you have any questions concerning this report, please contact me at (301) 415-7156.

Sincerely,

Original /s/

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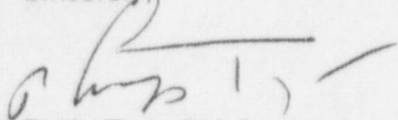
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