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Mr. Richard E. Cunningham  
Director, Division of Fuel  
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United States Nuclear Regulatory  
Commission, Mail Stop 396 SS  
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Dear Mr. Cunningham:

I just wanted to let you know how very much my staff and I appreciate the expertise and cooperation you and your staff in Walnut Creek (Region V) have extended to us during the past several months.

As you know, our efforts to lease a parcel of land on Veterans Administration property in West Los Angeles for a small park were temporarily halted when it was discovered that the land had been used as a dumpsite for radioactive waste materials in the 1960's. Without the assistance of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, the park concept would have been totally abandoned. The NRC is to be commended for its efforts to educate the public regarding the safety of radioactive materials which were buried on the proposed parksite.

In particular, we wish to thank Mr. Herb Book and Mr. George Spencer for their time and special assistance in this regard. Mr. Book's excellent presentation before the Los Angeles City Attorney appears to have removed all doubts regarding any hazards present on the VA land. Without the services of your able staff, it is unlikely that the park would ever become a reality.

The accessibility of your staff in Walnut Creek has been a tremendous asset to my office, and I thank you very much for your kind efforts in this regard.

Sincerely,

ANTHONY C. BEILENSON  
Member of Congress

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cc: Mr. Herb Book ✓  
Mr. George Spencer

*Mr. Book - we really appreciate your help!* BS/B