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SUBJECT: DECEMBER 10-14, 2001 FOREIGN TRAVEL SUMMARY: MOSCOW

Attached is a copy of my trip report describing my trip to Moscow on December 10-14, 2001, to meet with the Russian Federation Gosatomnadzor (GAN).

The meeting was part of the continuing cooperation between the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) and the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) in providing regulatory and licensing support to GAN associated with plutonium disposition. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss regulatory and licensing issues relevant to the Russian Federation Plutonium Disposition Program for which DOE is providing assistance to GAN. At the meeting, I gave three presentations:

- NRC Perspectives and Involvement in Regulation Development for the U.S. Mixed Oxide (MOX) Fuel Program, Including Risk Factors Evaluated and Lessons Learned in Developing NRC Regulations
- NRC Licensing Process for the U.S. MOX Fuel Fabrication Facility
- Update on NRC Activities Supporting the U.S. MOX Fuel Program

DOE requested NRC attendance at the meeting and funded the trip.

**The Division of Fuel Cycle Safety and Safeguards believes the content of this report is not likely to be of interest to the Commission.**

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If you or your staff have any questions regarding this memorandum, please contact me, Joseph Giitter, the Section Chief of the Enrichment Section, or Andrew Persinko, the MOX Project Manager at 415-7485 or 415-6522.

Attachment: Trip Report

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