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ATTENTION: JOE BUNTING

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Dear Joe:

As an opening to our promised dialogue, we have five questions which are rooted in your presentation and your response to questions on November 16, 1982, in our Tribal Offices.

1. What information does NRC have that demonstrates that DOE has looked elsewhere to compare the relative advantages of the basalt at Hanford to the basalt off the Hanford Reservation?
2. Is NRC, or, has NRC, required DOE to look elsewhere? If not, why not? If not, then why is NRC and DOE focusing on the site on the Hanford Reservation?
3. Please give us a good map that outlines the basalt formations in the U.S.
4. Give us the thickness measurements of our local basalt in locations other than Pasco, WA.
5. Please supply us, and explain geologists' analyses that demonstrate why NRC and DOE believe that the basalt at Hanford is the best compared to elsewhere in the same formation. Please include raw geologic data.

We wish the above questions to be answered in two ways:

- so that the gist of the answers may be understood by a layman;
- so that the answers will have sufficient technical and scientific documentation so that scientists in the field will consider that your answers covered the situation completely.

Wherever there are lacunae in our present state of knowledge, be sure you indicate same.

Mr. Joe Bunting  
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You should understand that asking the above questions in no way implies that there will not be additional questions stemming from the November 16th meeting.

We also look forward to receiving the copy you promised of SECY-82-427.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Russell Jim", written in dark ink.

Russell Jim  
Yakima Tribal Council

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