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U. S. Customs & Border Protection Bureau  
Department of Homeland Security  
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Washington, DC 20229

SUBJECT: VISIT TO PORT OF BALTIMORE

Dear Mr. McMahan:

On June 21, 2005, managers and staff from NRC Headquarters and I visited your facilities located at the Port of Baltimore, MD. Mr. Richard Whitman of your office provided us with the opportunity to observe how your personnel use VACIS devices for the detection of contraband at ports of entry into the US. This demonstration helped us better understand the operations and the radiological risks associated with the devices, and your radiation safety procedures. Through discussions with the Customs Officers using the devices we became familiar with their training and qualifications. We were impressed with their knowledge and professionalism.

We appreciate Mr. Whitman's efforts and the efforts and openness of the Officers at the Port of Baltimore. They made the visit very useful to us.

Sincerely,

***Original signed by John D. Kinneman***

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