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The Honorable Allison M. Macfarlane
Chairman, United States Nuclear Regulatory Commission
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Dear Chairman Macfarlane:

I would like to personally thank you and the professional members of your staff for your outstanding support and contributions to an important initiative of the Secretary of Energy. The US Department of Energy's, Office of Environment, Health, Safety and Security, Office of Security Assistance is in the process of updating our Design Basis Threat Policy. The US Nuclear Regulatory Commission provided the Office of Security Assistance subject matter experts a detailed intelligence brief regarding adversary capabilities at the Design Basis Threat workshop on November 17, 2015.

Dr. Ralph Way and Mr. James Whitney, of your staff, participated in the Design Basis Threat workshop and provided valuable insight into the Nuclear Regulatory Commission's Design Basis Threat process and postulated threat. The information provided by Dr. Way and Mr. Whitney allows the Department of Energy to benchmark our postulated threat and associated protection strategies with another Federal agency with similar assets and concerns.

We deeply appreciate the close collaboration between the US Department of Energy and the US Nuclear Regulatory Commission on this and other matters.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Samuel N. Callahan".

Samuel N. Callahan

Director

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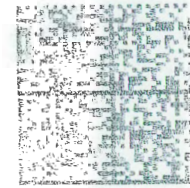
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