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Dr. Librado D. Ibe, Commissioner for her assignment here last year, Philippine Atomic Energy Commission with the travel costs. I P.O. Box 932 has received an application for a man named Manila, Philippines to NRC to spend six months in safety and nuclear power plant licensing work. As you say know, such IAEA fol-

Dear Dr. Ibe: We are concerned by our National Academy of Sciences (NAS). I have a meeting scheduled for April 1977. At our meeting in Rio de Janeiro last September, we discussed various possible means of cooperation in exchange of safety information on the Philippines nuclear power program. The purpose of this letter is to review these and to transmit some comments obtained in a preliminary review of the Ebasco site study. I plan to be in the Far East at the end of May and early June, and I would be happy to stop in the Philippines and discuss this further with you.

First, I promised to ask the NRC site analysis people to look at the Ebasco site study and give whatever comments they could. I contacted Ebasco and obtained a copy of the report. The NRC licensing analysis staff performed what they call an "Initial Site Examination Information Review." I am enclosing their comments, along with a brief outline of their procedures in making this type of review. Their comments, based on this rather cursory review of the various sections of the site report, may be useful to you in your planning of any additional studies that should be made.

You also mentioned the PSAR review by an IAEA team which you have requested to visit the Philippines. I understand that Dr. Morris Rosen, an NRC engineer now in IAEA in Vienna, will be one of the team. Dr. Rosen is an American safety expert, now assigned in Vienna, who has had several years of experience in this type of advisory activity.

We talked about the assignment of an NRC safety expert to work in the Philippines, in an IAEA office there. I understand that the IAEA is starting to recruit someone for the Philippines position, and that the NRC will have the opportunity to nominate someone.

We also talked about the possibility of assigning a safety engineer of the Philippines AEC to work within the NRC staff for a year or two, to gain experience in the regulation of nuclear power plant construction and operation. You said you would prefer to send two of

your people. That is possible, also, although I recommend we start with one. I am enclosing a copy of an example of the agreement we sign with the sponsoring agencies on these assignments. I believe you are familiar with this agreement, since it is quite similar to the one we signed on Mrs. de Guia for her assignment here last year. You were going to ask IAEA to assist with the travel costs. I understand the IAEA has received an application for a man named Jesus Valdezco to come to NRC to spend six months in safety and nuclear power plant licensing work. As you may know, such IAEA fellowships in the U. S. are coordinated by our National Academy of Sciences (NAS). I have a meeting scheduled for April 19 to discuss with NAS an assignment for Valdezco. I would like to meet him if I come to the Philippines and, in any case, I will be in touch with you shortly on this.

Sincerely,

original signed by

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Enclosures:

1. Outline of review
and comments
2. Example of agreement

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