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Kathleen Wallman, Chief of Staff
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Washington, DC 20502

Dear Ms. Wallman:

I am writing to request that the National Economic Council assist the Nuclear Regulatory Commission in making certain findings required by the U.S. Enrichment Corporation Privatization Act.

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I understand that the National Economic Council has coordinated the USEC privatization process among Federal Government agencies, and may have information that is pertinent to the determination required by the Act. We would like to discuss with you at your earliest convenience the information that you have collected or developed. In particular we would like to discuss with your staff any information which would assist the NRC staff in developing criteria that can be applied to this determination. Please have your staff contact me or Mr. Robert Pierson, Chief, Special Projects Branch, (301) 415-7192 to arrange a meeting to discuss this matter. Thank you for your prompt attention to our request.

Sincerely,

Original signed by Carl J. Paperiello

Carl J. Paperiello, Director
Office of Nuclear Material Safety
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