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Dear Ms. Barnett:

I enjoyed speaking with you on the phone. The Department of Energy (DOE) has established its Formerly Utilized Sites Remedial Action Program (FUSRAP) to identify sites formerly utilized by its predecessor agencies in the early days of the nation's atomic energy program and to determine the potential for these sites to contain radiological contamination, related to DOE's past activities, which may require remedial action. When necessary, radiological surveys of individual sites are performed to provide the data necessary to make this necessary determination.

As we discussed, in July 1956, the Atomic Energy Commission (a DOE predecessor) or its contractors conducted a fire training demonstration of uranium fire fighting techniques at the Fire Fighters School of the Norfolk Naval Station. The only records of this activity are three "Analytical Data Sheets" from DOE's Fernald, Ohio, facility. A copy of these health and safety monitoring reports are enclosed.

Based on these records, we are uncertain whether a radiological survey at the Fire Fighters School is needed. However, the Navy may have records or evidence of other uranium fire demonstrations that may indicate the need of a survey. The purpose of this letter is to transmit the available records to you for your information, to notify you of this past activity at the Fire Fighters School, and to request any Navy records that might be pertinent to our evaluation.

I will be happy to discuss this subject with you further. You may reach me at 301-353-5243.

Sincerely,

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