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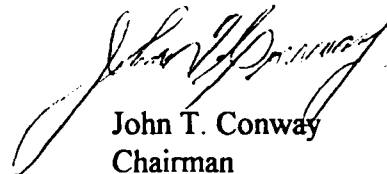
Dr. C. Bruce Tarter
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Dear Dr. Tarter:

The Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board (Board) has noted in recent issues of the Laboratory's Newline, articles by you and Bob Kuckuck stressing to all hands the importance that laboratory management has always placed and continues to place on doing work safely. This clearly expressed emphasis and commitment by senior Laboratory management is essential but not sufficient to achieve the goals sought. That achievement, as you know, will require the cooperation and participation of all those who plan and perform hazardous activities. The Board commends you for the safety management upgrade program adapted to the laboratory environment that you are putting in place at the Laboratory.

The Board is looking forward to further dialogue on this matter when we visit with you in Albuquerque next month.

Sincerely,



John T. Conway
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