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The Honorable John T. Conway
Chairman
Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board
625 Indiana Avenue, NW.
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Dear Mr. Chairman:

In a September 21, 2000, letter, the Board forwarded a classified report of a staff review of the "Y-12 W56 Dismantlement Campaign (U)." On January 13, 2001, the Department sent an interim response that committed to providing additional detail by March 2, 2001. Enclosed is a report that documents the planned path forward, provides a schedule, and addresses issues raised by the Board staff on the activity. Defense Programs has reviewed this information and concurs with the content. The specifics associated with this path forward, schedule, and the issues were discussed with Board Staff during a site visit the week of February 5, 2001.

If there are questions, please contact me or have your staff contact David Beck of my staff at 202-586-4879.

Sincerely,


John A. Gordon
Administrator

Enclosure

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*Mr. Chairman -
Knew we are late,
but hopefully now the
new contract has had
enough time to really
get into and on the
ground forward.*

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