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Mr. Nicolai A. Shteynberg, Chairman
State Committee of Ukraine
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Dear Mr. Shteynberg:

As I indicated in my letter of [INSERT DATE], upon receiving your statement of requirements on material control and accounting (MC&A) and physical protection, our government undertook a review to determine the feasibility and scope of possible U.S. assistance. Based on that analysis, we have concluded that cooperation between the United States and Ukraine in the area of MC&A and physical protection is indeed feasible and should begin as soon as possible.

We are currently drafting the text of an agreement for cooperation, which would serve as the framework for our joint efforts. We propose to conclude this agreement in September 1992. In order to meet this goal, we will provide a draft of the agreement to your government later this month. We then propose to send a U.S. delegation to meet with Ukrainian authorities in Kiev during the week of August 31 to resolve any outstanding issues regarding the draft agreement. Once the agreement has been finalized, I would meet in mid-September with the appropriate Ukrainian authorities, including the designated executive agent, to sign the agreement.

Once the agreement is signed, the U.S.-Ukraine joint working group could meet to review plans for the program of cooperation and conduct detailed surveys of the sites when model safeguards systems would be installed.

The ambitious schedule outlined above is indicative of the seriousness which we attach to working with your government on the issues of MC&A and physical protection. Please advise us as soon as possible as to the acceptability of this schedule.

Sincerely,

William F. Burns

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