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Mr. Walter Huber, Director
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Dear Mr. Huber:

As you may know, the Department of Energy (DOE) is evaluating the radiological condition of sites that were utilized under the Manhattan Engineer District (MED) and the Atomic Energy Commission (AEC) during the early years of nuclear development to determine whether they need remedial action and whether the Department has authority to perform such action. General Services Administration (GSA) was contacted through correspondence with Mr. John P. Allen, Project Director, Special Projects Division of GSA, that the former National Bureau of Standards (NBS) building on Van Ness Street was identified as one such site. This building was used by NBS until their relocation to Gaithersburg, Maryland, at which time the property was excessed by GSA.

A review of historical records has determined that the site was decontaminated in 1968 by the NBS to safe limits as recommended by the U.S. Public Health Service. The building was subsequently demolished in 1976 and the site cleared.

This letter, along with the enclosed summary report and supporting information, represents the results of the Department's review to determine if the site contains residual radioactive contamination traceable to the actions conducted on behalf of the MED/AEC. The report is provided to you as the representative of the site owner, for your information. On the basis of the review, the Department has determined that no potential exists for significant amounts of residual radioactive material derived from activities conducted for the MED/AEC to remain at this site. As a result, the site was eliminated from further consideration under the Formerly Utilized Sites Remedial Action Program (FUSRAP). This package was prepared as the final DOE action on this site under FUSRAP.

Documentation supporting the Department's decision will be available for public review at the Department's Public Reading Room located in Room 1E-190 of the Forrestal Building, 1000 Independence Avenue, S.W., Washington, D.C.

If you have any questions regarding this decision or the availability of the material at the reading room, please contact Andrew Wallo of my staff at 301-353-5439.

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Sincerely,

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