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Dear Mr. Aquilina:

I am concerned by your November 1 response to my letter of October 5 to Harry Brown and ask that you review my request as soon as possible.

The Subcommittee's ongoing investigation suggests that DOE's study requested in my letter was part of the survey managed by DOE's Nevada Operations Office and described in the "Operations Plan -- Northern Marshall Islands Radiological Survey" that was signed by Mahlon E. Gates.

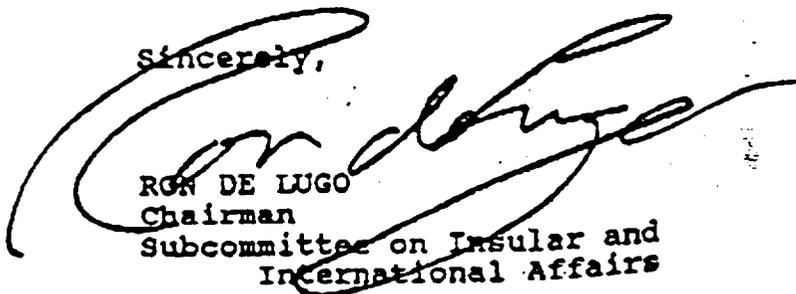
I do not find it reassuring that a copy cannot be located. It would be most disconcerting to learn that your office does not have a copy of this study given the importance and sensitivity of this matter. It would raise a question about whether this information has been destroyed or mislaid.

Would you therefore please:

- immediately ascertain that the integrity of this study has not been compromised;
- identify the individual who prepared the study; and
- provide the Subcommittee with a copy of the study.

A response no later than November 30 would be very much appreciated.

Sincerely,



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 Chairman  
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