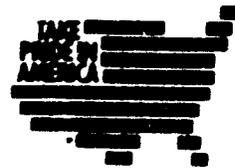


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Attn: Jay L. Henson
Materials License Reviewer
Division of Nuclear Material Safety

License No. 45-15923-C1
Expiration Date: November 30, 2000

Dear Mr. Henson:

Attached please find two copies of Mr. Michael Terpilak's, CHP, final survey report of Rooms 3D231 and 3D239 of the John Wesley Powell Building of the U.S. Geological Survey, in Reston, VA, prepared at our request for the purpose of determining if those rooms may be released for unrestricted use. Based upon Mr. Terpilak's findings we believe those rooms meet the guideline for release for unrestricted access and request that those rooms be released for unrestricted access. The release of these rooms does not terminate licensed activities in the John Wesley Powell Building of the U.S. Geological Survey.

This report does not address the release of rooms in the Solid State Physics Building. Management deemed the release of the 3D rooms to be of greater importance than the Physics Building areas, at this time. The collection of the remaining information you requested (Ref No. 258959) regarding the Solid State Physics Building is expected to take place in early October 1996. Upon its completion we will send you that information.

As I have related to Mr. Wright, the USGS has been mandated by Congress to house members of the abolished National Biological Service and the Bureau of Mines. In order to accommodate the personnel from those agencies GSA is performing extensive renovation of exiting lab space for conversion to office space. It would be greatly appreciated if the review of this report could be expedited in any way so that those renovations may begin. Should have any questions please call me at (703) 648-6189 or Dr. Charles Naeser at (703) 648-6964.

Sincerely,

Gregory Wandless
Radiation Safety Officer

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