

[DNFSB LETTERHEAD]

May 5, 1997

The Honorable Victor Stello, Jr.
Principle Deputy Assistant Secretary for Safety and Quality
Department of Energy
1000 Independence Avenue, SW
Washington, D.C. 20585-0104

Dear Mr. Stello:

The Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board (Board) will be conducting a review of the weapons quality assurance program in the near future and will require special access to information pertaining to atomic weapons (as discussed in the Board's enabling legislation, 42 U.S.C. §§ 2286a and 2286c) for Joel Richard Schapira of the Board's staff. He will require such access for the duration of this review. If you have any questions concerning this matter, please give me a call.

Sincerely,

John T. Conway
Chairman

c: Mark B. Whitaker, Jr.