

BARRY



Department of Energy
Germantown, MD 20874-1290

OCT 06 1997

Dr. José Gutiérrez López
Director
Departamento de Impacto Ambiental de la Energía
Centro de Investigaciones, Energéticas,
Medioambientales y Tecnológicas
Avenida Complutense 22
28040 Madrid, Spain

Dear Dr. Gutiérrez:

This letter is to thank you for taking time from your busy schedule to meet with me in Madrid and to take me to Palomares so that I can better understand the project. I learned a great amount of information about the site, which I hope to transfer to my co-workers. The photographs I took also will help my co-workers to understand the current situation at Palomares.

I promised to send you a copy of the section on Palomares from Merrill Eisenbud's most recent book. It is enclosed for your use. Also, I have included a copy of our 1998 Operating Plan, which presents an overview of our office's mission and current projects.

In anticipation of the possible data needs of the scientific review committee, I have asked historians here at the Department of Energy (DOE) to begin finding early information about Project Indalo, especially early dosimetry data. A paper presented to the International Radiation Protection Association by Dr. Emilio Iranzo in 1970 documented that Dr. Eduardo Ramos of the former Junta de Energía conducted periodic surveys of the contaminated areas and of the inhabitants. Dr. Iranzo may have additional information. I am continuing to identify possible scientific reviewers for the program review. I plan to call you next Wednesday, October 15, to discuss the current status of the project.

By the way, I learned that DOE has a database on the world wide web called "OpenNet." I have enclosed a copy of the search results for Palomares, which the historians will use to locate archived materials.



Please send my warmest regards to Dr. Espinosa. She was very helpful in providing me with background information about the site. Again, thank you so much for your gracious hospitality. You made me feel very much at home rather than a stranger in a foreign country, and for that, I am most grateful.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Barrett Fountos" with a stylized flourish at the end.

Barrett N. Fountos
Program Manager
Office of International
Health Programs

Enclosures

cc w/o enclosures:

Marshall Carter-Tripp, U.S. Embassy, Madrid