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Dear Dr. Fountos:

I have received your letter of Dec.3.1997 enclosing two original documents of the Charter and I am returning one of them, duly signed, attached to this letter.

In relation to the panel composition I agree with your proposal on the appointment of Dr. Fred Mettler and Dr. Chester Richmond. I propose Dr. Henry Metivier (CEA/IPSN, France) and Dr. Emilio Iranzo (Spain, independent expert presently retired) as the selected candidates by CIEMAT. Their respective curricula are also attached to this letter for your consideration. In principle I propose the week from 2 to 6 February 1998 for the 1ST meeting of the panel, including the visit to Palomares.

Concerning the questions to be submitted to the expert panel for their consideration, I asked to Dr. J.L.Butragueño, Assistant Director for Radiological Protection of the Consejo de Seguridad Nuclear, to make a proposal that I will submit you as soon as I receive his answer. Dr. Butragueño, as representative of the Spanish regulatory authority, is very interested in the work to be made by the panel. In this sense, CIEMAT considers that his collaboration in the supporting and monitoring of the process, during the period of the work panel, would be very useful.

The answer to the questions about the site of Palomares which we discussed at our meeting in September are being sent by e-mail. I am also answering by e-mail your fax of 10 december 1997 about the information to be included in your office's website on the Internet.

Sincerely,

José Gutiérrez

