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Dear Dr. Klausner:

Thank you for your letter of October 27, 1998, regarding funding of the Chernobyl-related studies of childhood thyroid cancer and other thyroid diseases in the Belarussian and Ukrainian populations exposed to the Chernobyl fallout and leukemia in Chernobyl liquidators.

The Department of Energy (DOE) plans to continue to meet its commitments under the Interagency Agreement and has budgeted $800,000 to support this work in fiscal year (FY) 1999. Also, pursuant to the Interagency Agreement, the National Cancer Institute should plan to submit all required progress and budget reports. The timely submittal of these reports will help the Department manage the funds appropriated to it for these studies and avoid the problems experienced in FY 1998.

I hope you find this responsive to your concerns.

Sincerely,

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