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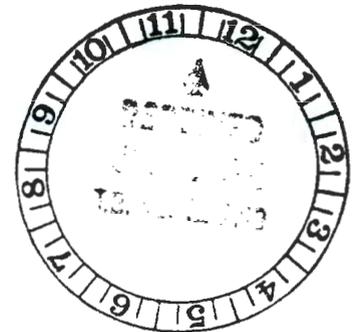
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Dear Messrs.:

PRIVATIZATION OF HANFORD LAUNDRY FACILITY OPERATIONS

The purpose of this letter is to inform the State of Washington Department of Ecology (Ecology) and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) that the U.S. Department of Energy Richland Field Office (RL) is in the final stages of evaluating the feasibility of contracting with private industry to clean Hanford's radioactively contaminated laundry.

Preliminary indications are very favorable for privatizing this activity. RL could potentially realize cost savings of several million dollars by privatizing this activity. It may be possible for RL to procure laundry services up to two years earlier than the schedule for the Decontamination Laundry Facility. This could potentially result in earlier closure of the existing laundry discharge and could eliminate one of the high priority effluent streams currently being discharge to the soil column at the Hanford Site.

As a result of the preliminary investigation, RL is aware of several responsible firms currently operating in the state who are experienced and appear to be capable of handling the projected laundry volume. Business expansion into the Tri-Cities area is possible. The successful contractor would operate off the Hanford Site, obtain its own business and environmental permits, and serve other commercial clients. RL's action would be simply to procure laundry services from private industry.

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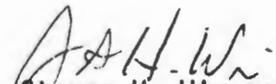
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As you know, RL has committed to the design, construction, and operation of the Decontamination Laundry Facility (DLF) in recently signed Consent Order between Ecology and RL, and in the recently proposed modifications to the Hanford Federal Facility Consent Order (Tri-Party Agreement). RL is anticipating to complete definitive design for the DLF by March 1992, three months ahead of the schedule outlined in the Tri-Party Agreement.

In parallel with this design effort, RL will be going out for bid on a Request for Proposal (RFP) to obtain laundry support services. The privatization effort and the design effort for the DLF are proposed to occur in parallel until later in the Spring of 1992, (approximately April, 1992) until the completion of DLF definitive design and evaluation of bid packages from the RFP. At that time, RL expects to be in a position to make the final evaluation regarding privatization of Hanford laundry services. A TPA Change Request and a change to the Consent Order will be submitted if privatization appears more favorable than continuation of the DLF.

It appears that the successful award of the laundry services contract by August 1992, could result in beating the Tri-Party Agreement milestone by nearly 2 years, early cessation of a high priority effluent stream, and a significant cost savings. As additional information becomes available on this activity, we will be sharing it with you. If you have any additional questions on this issue please do not hesitate to call either Dan Sours on (509) 376-8285 or myself on (509) 376-6798.

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