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I am a charter member of the B Reactor Museum Association (BRMA) and a private citizen of Richland.

I am very pleased to note that essentially all of the alternate plans include the concept of preserving and converting the B Reactor to a museum. That is a primary goal of BRMA, and for myself. That very important edifice portrays such immense scientific and political history and must be preserved and made accessible to the public, both currently and for future generations.

Now that it is recognized that this facility will become a museum, we must consider how it can be best utilized and made beneficial. Complete access by the public must be planned for; this includes access by road, rail, and from the "Wild and Scenic" Columbia river. I urge DOE to provide for land use designations that will both permit and foster this access by road from Vernita, the Hanford Railroad system, and for unrestricted access from the bank of the Columbia River. Please note the BRMA proposal for the installation of a boat dock near the 181B Pump House.

*Del Ballard 5/21/99*

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