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Mr John Ainslie
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Dear Mr Ainslie

Thank you for your letter of 14th November. I am sorry for the delay in replying.

I have now written to Dr Reid (copy enclosed) and will write again once I receive a reply.

With best wishes

Yours sincerely

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Rt Hon John Reid MP
Ministry of Defence
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Dear John

Thank you for your letter of 31st October concerning Exercise Short Sermon. I note that in the fourth paragraph of that letter you refer to a "*contingency plan*" which each nuclear submarine commander has for responding to a reactor accident. I wonder if you would care to release a copy of that plan.

In asking for this I am conscious that, as a consequence of the Public Information on Radiological Emergencies Regulations, fixed nuclear sites have to make public their plans to protect the public from a nuclear accident. It would seem that your government's commitment to open government would lead you to applying the same principles to a floating nuclear site.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely

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