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Dear Ms. Hoditschek:

Subject: Los Alamos Police Department (LAPD) - Fireworks

The purpose of this letter is to confirm our conversation with you on July 21, 1995, regarding fireworks confiscated by LAPD and subsequently stored in a bunker at the Los Alamos National Laboratory (LANL), Technical Area (TA) 53. LANL personnel agreed to temporary placement of the fireworks at TA-53 in an effort to be of assistance to Los Alamos County (LAC). The fireworks were retrieved from TA-53 by LAPD personnel on July 21, 1995, for transport to Kirtland Air Force Base (KAFB) for disposal.

The items were an assortment of common fireworks (i.e., bottle rockets, firecrackers, roman candles, and sparklers) confiscated by LAPD during the period of July 4th celebrations. An avenue has now been established by LAPD to obtain the assistance of KAFB to manage and dispose of materials of this sort, and LANL personnel understand that storage of fireworks is not permitted at this site.

LAC will be providing LAAO a further account of this incident (in writing) for our files.

Should you have any questions, please call me at (505) 665-5042; or Jon Mack, Waste Management Program Manager, at (505) 665-5026.

Sincerely,

*for* H. L. "Jody" Plum  
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