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Mr. John Vance
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Dear John:

I am writing to confirm that Bechtel Power Corporation was a Hanford site subcontractor.

Bechtel Power held contract BDR-275 under Prime Contract AT(45-1) 2170. The period of Bechtel's operations under this contract was 1971 to 1981. The prime contract was held by Westinghouse Electric Company (WADCO) and the definition of the prime contract was shown as "Operating Contractor for the FFTF-LMFBR Program and Other Pertinent Reactor Development Work."

The FFTF was the Fast Flux Test Facility, originally intended as a reactor in which to test materials to be used in developing a commercial breeder reactor, which was the primary purpose of the Liquid Metal Fast Breeder Reactor Program. The Atomic Energy Commission saw liquid metal fast breeder reactors as an improved technology appropriate for the second generation of nuclear power plants. It thought that breeder reactors would be more efficient and economical than pressurized water and boiling water reactors—the technology of the first generation of nuclear power plants.

If you have any questions about this, please give me a call on 301-903-0127.

Sincerely,

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