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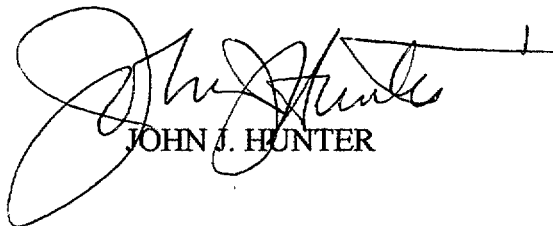
Ms. Heather Astwood
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Dear Ms. Astwood:

After discussions with our working group following our meeting of the 15th, it would appear that Fansteel will need time to assimilate and complete our Environmental Report. We have agreed internally that an ambitious submittal date for this document would be the end of June 2000. In order to ensure the proper internal technical reviews, Fansteel is herein submitting July 15, 2000, as the submittal date for the Environmental Report. Should you have any questions concerning this, please call the writer.

It was generally felt that the meeting of the 15th was constructive and should Fansteel be in need of direction, we will not hesitate to call. Please feel free to do the same.

Sincerely,



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