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November 24, 2008

Mr. Steve Dixon, Chair
Oak Ridge Site Specific Advisory Board
Post Office Box 2001
Oak Ridge, Tennessee 37831

Dear Mr. Dixon:

**RESPONSE TO OAK RIDGE SITE SPECIFIC ADVISORY BOARD *RECOMMENDATION 169*,
*RECOMMENDATION SUPPORTING AN ORAL HISTORY PROGRAM FOR THE OAK RIDGE
RESERVATION***

Please accept my thanks for all Oak Ridge Site Specific Advisory Board (ORSSAB) contributions towards establishment of an oral history program for the Oak Ridge Reservation. This effort has helped promote work necessary to collect, save, and make accessible the oral history of this area, including key elements of the Manhattan Project and post Manhattan Project activities. Funding provided by the Board has been made available to the Center for Oak Ridge Oral History (COROH) steering committee. Steve Stow is serving as the Site Specific Advisory Board representative on this active committee. I expect our collaboration will ultimately provide a product that East Tennessee can be very proud of.

Gerald Boyd has identified me as the Department of Energy (DOE) management champion for this effort to ensure program success. Katatra Vasquez will serve as the DOE lead to work directly with the Steering Committee and to coordinate with the other DOE programs at Oak Ridge to obtain necessary funding and resources. Pat Halsey will continue in her staff role as coordinator for Environmental Management contributions to the oral history program.

Again, we greatly appreciate your interest, participation and recommendations, on the Oral History Program for the Oak Ridge Reservation. Watch soon for additional oral history activities initiated by COROH and opportunities for you or someone you know to contribute to this important effort.

If you have any questions, please contact me at 576-0742 or Pat Halsey at 576-4025.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read "Stephen H. McCracken", is written over the typed name.

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