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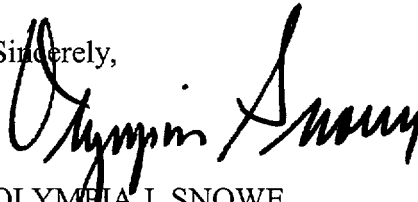
Dear Dennis:

I am contacting you on behalf of one of my constituents, Mr. Don Corman, of South Portland, Maine.

Mr. Corman contacted me with a suggestion on security at nuclear power plants. He suggests using barrage balloons fashioned with high strength steel cable around nuclear sites. I have enclosed a copy of his correspondence for your review. Any information you could provide to address his ideas would be appreciated.

Thank you in advance for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



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INEXPENSIVE INTERIM SOLUTION TO NUCLEAR POWER PLANT SECURITY!!!

We need to protect our Nuclear Power plants and Dams from potential Airline hijackings.

QUICKLY!!! (and with a realistic budget)

I suggest that we immediately place WW2 style BARRAGE BALLOONS around these sites. Barrage Balloons are small blimps that support heavy steel cables. The theory is that an approaching aircraft cannot establish a crash vector without first being knocked down by the massive steel cables suspended by the balloons before hitting it's target.

2 staggered, concentric circles of barrage balloons could be placed around all facilities in a VERY SHORT period of time. The placement should be carefully considered to make a direct hit impossible by even a small plane.

This is an excellent short term solution, and can be implemented immediately.

If you take time to consider the plan...  
It really make a lot of sense.

God Bless America. Keep up the great work.

-don

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