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Request for an Evaluation of All Forms of Security
that may Protect Against All Threats to Nuclear
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March 29, 2002

Chairman Richard A. Meserve
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Dear Chairman Meserve:

We have recently learned that the United States Nuclear Regulatory Commission has acknowledged that neither Three Mile Island, nor any of the nation's 102 operating nuclear reactors, could be trusted to withstand the impact of an airliner the size of those which crashed into the World Trade Center and the Pentagon on September 11, 2001.

In light of this finding, and as the Member of Congress representing the Three Mile Island nuclear facility, I ask you to provide me with a detailed update of what this recent determination means. The NRC should already be making recommendations to licensees and emergency response personnel on how to handle an event like the one we saw on September 11, 2001. In your recommendations I ask you to carefully evaluate all forms of security that may protect against all threats, both great and small, to nuclear facilities around the nation. The NRC, in conjunction with other federal agencies, should evaluate everything from the necessity of National Guard troops to protect nuclear facilities to hiring and background check procedures for facility security staff. I have introduced a resolution, H.Con.Res. 267, in the House of Representatives that would call upon the NRC and other agencies to do just this.

I trust that you are even now evaluating ways to insure nuclear power plants against the catastrophic events we now know could occur. If you should have any questions, or would like to meet with me regarding these issues, please feel free to contact me.

Very truly yours,


GEORGE W. GEKAS
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