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HEARINGS ON PROPOSED REACTOR SITE CRITERIA

I request that the attached letter dated March 8, 1961 from Mr. James T. Ramey, relating to the question of holding hearings on proposed reactor site criteria, and a copy of my reply dated March 20, 1961 be circulated as an information paper to the Commissioners.

Attachments: As stated above

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Dear Mr. Price:

This is in response to your letter of March 20, 1961, concerning Mr. Oliver Townsend's suggestion that the Joint Committee hold hearings with respect to the Commission's proposed reactor site criteria.

We believe that the reactor site criteria are of such great importance to everyone interested in the atomic energy program that the best interest of all concerned would be served by a more public exploration of the problem. We therefore plan to consider the proposed reactor site criteria during the annual hearings on Indemnity and Reactor Safety in late April. In this connection, we would appreciate being furnished with copies of all comments received by the AEC on the site criteria.

Sincerely yours,

James T. Ramey Executive Director

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