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Dear Secretary,

I am writing as a former Chief of the Medical Service of the Atomic Bomb Casualty Commission in Hiroshima and Nagasaki(1962-64.)

The possibility that an airplane crashing into one of our power plants and thus releasing many hundred times the amount of radioactivity released in Japan is a total nightmare.

The Hiroshima bomb was 20 kilotons. Despite its small size its impact on those exposed has enveloped those people in lifelong anxiety and increased rates of leukemia and thyroid cancer, to name just two prominent outcomes. Such exposure has been a profound deterrent on the ability of persons, young at the time, to marry.

In short, I urge you to promote efforts to minimize the risk of such outcomes resulting from the accidental or intentional disruption of our atomic energy plants with the greatest urgency.

Sincerely,

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