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Hello Glenn:

Received word last night about what happened with the meeting tentatively scheduled for this evening.

It seems that Mr. Roy Anderson at PSEG issued a letter to the work force yesterday morning that was perceived as a thinly veiled threat to many of the workers, including those involved in the upcoming meeting. The letter contained language like "if you're not part of the team, leave" and "if you cannot work to schedule, you don't belong here." With the staggered lay-offs, our workers thought it best not to give Mr. Anderson's minions any reason to add their names to the next hit list. So, in true atomic spirit, they played "duck and cover."

I appreciate your willingness to meet with the workers. Given the tense and unhealthy work environment - deteriorating daily - at Salem and Hope Creek, the workers cannot risk the meeting. I'm sorry for any inconvenience this scheduling caused you.

In the meantime, I trust we all hope that nothing serious happens at Salem and Hope Creek before the safety culture is fixed. I know that I would hate to testify at a Congressional hearing about all the warning signs of impending doom that were evident but not acted upon. Perhaps the only thing I'd hate more than that would be to watch all these warning signs proliferate unchecked.

Thanks,
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