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FINAL REPLY:

Rep. John M. McHugh

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TO:

Chairman Klein

FOR SIGNATURE OF :

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Reyes, EDO

DESC:

ROUTING:

Constituents Concerns Regarding the Protection of  
Nuclear Power Plants from Deliberate Aircraft  
Crashes (David J. Beck)

Reyes  
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Kane  
Silber  
Johnson  
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Sheron, RES  
Dyer, NRR  
Taylor, OEDO

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Mr. Dale Klein  
Chairman  
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Dear Chairman Klein:

I am writing with regard to the enclosed correspondence I received from David J. Beck, of Inlet, New York. Mr. Beck has raised some serious questions regarding the protection of nuclear power plants from deliberate aircraft crashes. For your reference, I have taken the liberty of enclosing a copy of Mr. Beck's book, "Consecutive Miracles." Any information, comments or assistance you may be able to provide would be appreciated so that I may furnish my constituent with a comprehensive and appropriate response.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

John M. McHugh  
Member of Congress

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NOTE:

This letter is being sent with a copy of Consecutive Miracles, to various public officials.

Dear Congressman McHugh:

I am asking you to read the book that accompanies this letter. It is a fast read that presents a plausible scenario about how, when and where terrorists might attempt to destroy nuclear power plants in the USA. I am not asking for a book review, but am asking for a personal reply from you. Your reply will not be used to sell books, or used in any type of advertising.

I believe that many questions regarding nuclear power plant safety have gone unanswered, or worse, have been answered untruthfully by the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, and US Government officials.

If a scenario such as the one this book considers actually occurs, the resulting damage will dwarf that of hurricanes Katrina and Wilma, with the potential to inflict Chernobyl-like destruction from the Gulf of Mexico to New York City.

Can you, with irrefutable certainty, answer the following questions? Americas' enemies can!

--If a nuclear power plant control room is destroyed, what will happen to the nuclear reactor?

--Has testing been done to prove that **small** General Aviation aircraft cannot destroy a nuclear power plant control room? (The recent Congressional Research Service report, "Securing General Aviation," is flawed. It concludes that small GA aircraft do not pose a threat since 1300 pounds is beyond the carrying capacity of a light GA aircraft. This statement is absolutely untrue, and easily repudiated. A 1978 Cessna 185 Skywagon spec. sheet states that this aircraft has a gross weight of 3350 pounds, and a useful load of 1600 pounds. The payload of this aircraft is nearly 960 pounds with full fuel (88 gallons at approximately 7 pounds per gallon). Terrorists would most likely need only about 30 gallons of fuel to meet their needs. With only 30 gallons of fuel on board, the payload would be increased to nearly 1400 pounds.

--Can nuclear power plant control rooms be successfully defended, 100 percent of the time, from an attack by small aircraft?

--Can radiation be carried by weather patterns, wind, jet stream, etc. for hundreds of miles? Think Chernobyl.

--Does our country have an adequate supply of potassium iodide on hand?

--Have first responders been trained and equipped to handle this scenario?

--What defense systems are now in place to protect nuclear power plants? Did you notice that during Super Bowl 2006, a thirty mile "no-fly-zone" around the stadium was enforced, while at the same time aircraft were allowed to fly within seconds of reaching nuclear power plants?

--Why hasn't the United States pushed to develop viable fuel cell technology instead of proposing more nuclear power plants?

It is my hope that you and others who are concerned with the safety of our Nation will become proactive in providing Homeland Security rather than the usual reactive and unproductive responses to natural and man-made disasters we have come to know.

**Please consider answers to these important questions. I believe there has never been scientific testing done to provide definitive answers, and that new tests should be conducted now.**

We deserve an honest and immediate effort to correct a problem that could instantly change the USA, never to return as it exists today.

You are a person who has been entrusted with the safety and well being of this Nation. Will you be among those leaders apologizing to America after the fact because you weren't aware or didn't believe that light aircraft could destroy a nuclear power plant?

Thank you for your consideration.

David J. Beck PO Box 178, Inlet, NY 13360

