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Dear Mr. Gleaves:

I read in today's paper that plans are underway to build at the Bellefonte Nuclear Unit. Around 1979, I was working as an R.N. in the Day Surgery Center at Parkridge Medical Center in Chattanooga, Tennessee. One male patient bragged to me at great length about working on the construction that was underway at Bellefonte. He said that not only did he make good money as a construction worker but he and another man owned a bus on which they drove Chattanooga based workers to and from the construction site. He said that this was a good source of income for him also. When I asked him what he was going to do when the nuclear plant was completed, his reply was "It will never be completed. We've seen to that." This seemed like a strange comment so I asked him what he meant by it. He said that he and other workers routinely did things during the construction that would create multiple problems with operation long into the future. One example that he gave was that they routinely dropped tools into critical pipes.

I hadn't thought about what this man said for many years but the article in today's paper made me think about it again. I just thought that I'd share this information with you not really knowing if it has any value or not.

Sincerely,



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