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The President of the United States
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Dear Mr. President,

I am writing to your office because I have exhausted every avenue I know of regarding a matter of great concern to me.

On July 7th, 1982, I testified as a surprise witness before the United States Atomic Safety and Licensing Commission. I am pro-nuclear, however on behalf of the public interest, holding a public trust and speaking as a citizen- I testified against my employer, The New York State Power Authority. I was employed as a "Nuclear Security Officer."

Shortly after testifying an attempt was made on my life when my personal vehicle was sabotaged at the Indian Point Nuclear Power Plant in Buchanan, New York. Six months after testifying a case was manufactured against me and my employment was terminated.

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I have applied to 53 nuclear power plants across the country. The results were the same- no results. One plant did hire me, however after two days when they discovered I had testified- I was not allowed to return.

I have written a book on the experience titled, "The Principle," which I hope to have published after the case is over.

The story bears many similarities to the Silkwood incident which ended in Karen Silkwoods death, November 1974. However I am alive to speak and write about it and I plan to do just that.

I am an American with true faith in democracy and say the "Pledge of Allegiance" every day as a prayer.

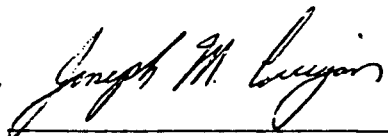
Mr. President, I am 24 years of age and have limited resources. This experience has caused me the loss of my home and I now reside with my parents. And if given the opportunity to do it over again I would do exactly the same thing- speak for people who cannot, will not or are afraid to speak for themselves.

My next legal step I am advised is to file an action against the Authority in New York State Supreme Court. However I no longer have any money to pursue the case on my own, any further, at this time. As a nation we declared our independence in 1776. It is very clear to me how every American must continue to defend our freedom every day- at home and around the world.

Mr. President if you know of someone, group or organization that could assist me, I would appreciate it very much if you could convey this information to them on my behalf.
With every good wish,

My thanks

Sincerely,

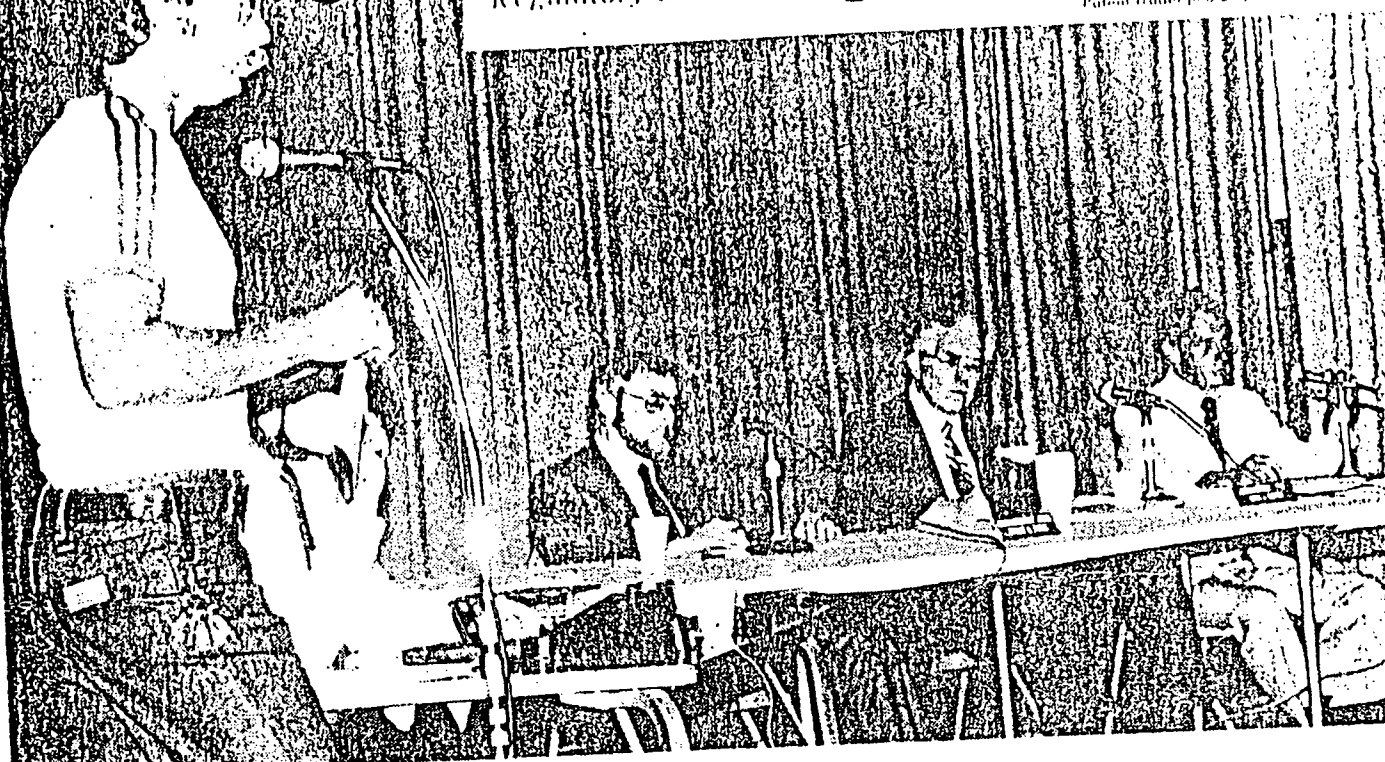


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Enc; a few related news articles.

Vinchkoski of Yorktown speaks against a shutdown of the Indian Point nuclear plants, while representatives of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, which held the hearing, listen.

Patent Trader photo by William Kaufman



Hearing on Indian Pt. nuclear plant

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Joseph M. Corrigan, president of the Nuclear Security Officers Benevolent Association of New York, also took the microphone to question the NRC and PASNY's "commitment to meet security needs at Indian Point," especially in the area of potential sabotage and acts of terrorism. The problems with security center around design and the lack of an "intelligence operation" and tactical and strategic plans, he claimed.

When asked by panel member Frederick Shon if he thought federal codes governing security were being met, Corrigan replied: "It meets minimal requirements." Later, in an impromptu press conference in the hall, Corrigan blamed the deficiencies on security management, which he said is versed in police work but not fully versed in scenarios that could occur at Indian Point.

"I believe we're just putting on a show," he said, quickly adding, "But we're (the security guards) doing a good job. The plant is safe."

Corrigan said the association plans to compile a "confidential report" detailing security problems which it will submit to County Executive Alfred B. DelBello, the NRC and PASNY.

Cortlandt Superintendent Charles DiGiacomo, who attended the afternoon session, said, "If it could be demonstrated that the plants or the operation of the plants presented a clear danger to those who live around them, I would lead the march to shut them down." However, he also said he was convinced that the closing of the plants would have a tremendously negative economic effect on the town and county. And the public should not, he warned,

"be carried away by the current nuclear hysteria that has infected so many." Cortlandt will continue to play an active role in the formulation of a workable emergency evacuation plan, he promised.

Yorktown Supervisor Nancy Elliott read a resolution passed by the Town Board Tuesday that said all citizens in the 10-mile radius should be given

sufficient information about the cost and consequences of shutting down plants and then should be given the right to decide if they are willing to swap anxiety for higher electricity bills. Councilman Al Hammond, submitting the minority opinion, said he thought town should demand the NRC close Indian Point until it can deem nuclear technology "state of the art."

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Referring to the emergency evacuation plan distributed by the state Power Authority, operator of Indian Point 3, Wenzel said, "If we have to flee, when and if we ever get resettled, I plan to look you up and ask you for a seedling from these."

Of the approximately 200 people that attended the hearing, held in two sessions, 68 spoke. Of that number, and in the afternoon session, two or three stood up for the plants, saying they were safe and accusing the public of being ruled by their own fears and misinterpretations. Thirteen were still scheduled to speak at press time.

Most of the testimony had one basic theme: the evacuation plan is unworkable and until it is made workable and all...

Patent Trader 7/18/82

The question of security emerges at the Indian Point nuclear power plant at Buchanan.

Guard: 'N-plant insecure'

By CLINT ROSWELL

THE TROUBLING question for Joe Corrigan, a security officer at Indian Point, is what to do when a growing number of security gaps and lapses appear at Unit 3 of the nuclear power plant. The licensee, the Power Authority State of New York (PASNY), has no obligation to take corrective measures as long as it maintains security standards set by the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC).

Sometimes Corrigan feels like a dim bulb in trying to get the attention of the utility, as he makes recommendations to improve security preparedness against a possible siege or against sabotage of the plant by terrorists, only to be told by PASNY management officials that this desire of his is really not his concern. "Outside resources," he is reminded, like the FBI or National Guard, will handle this remote possibility.

"I GET THE feeling that we're there just to look good on paper that Indian Point has a security force that meets the requirements of the NRC," said Corrigan, 22, a former marine. "The problem is me, and a lot of other security officers, think Indian Point can be penetrated pretty easily, and being so close to a major city like New York makes us wonder how come, if we're the first line of defense, we have no training to handle terrorists?"

Corrigan worries that security officers aren't equipped with automatic weapons, as the would-be terrorists are likely to carry, and he doesn't like being at a weapons disadvantage either. He is also trou-

bled that the officers aren't equipped to handle sabotage of the plant, like the planting of a bomb, because there is no direction coming from the supervisors on how to react in such circumstances.

CORRIGAN ADMITS IT. He is a worrier. He worries that most secur-



ity supervisors are retired police officers and are not trained in and don't come from the field of atomic safety. He worries that secretaries and many other levels of personnel are not subject to the same vigorous personal background check as security officers, even though they work inside a nuclear power plant and could maneuver themselves into top-security areas.

And what about the strip of land abutting the Hudson River without a 12-foot-high preventive wire fence like the one along the rest of the Buchanan plant?

"These are genuine concerns," concedes Unit 3's senior resident inspector for the NRC, Thomas Foley, "but how much safety does the fence by itself provide? It becomes a question of economics, risk and time. Any plant is penetrable. Should we put up nine fences with dogs and mine fields in between the fences? Where do you draw the line?"

"AS LONG AS PASNY meets the NRC's minimum requirements, and it has one of the best security units in the East, the licensee can do whatever they want to do. They're all part of the free enterprise system. If Corrigan sees any rules and regulations are not being followed or that he can help the NRC correct any of these violations, we'd be glad to talk with him."

Corrigan views the NRC as an ally which can force the utility into taking action, but he also knows his well-intentioned ideas will fall on deaf ears as long as PASNY maintains NRC standards.

"The bottom line," says PASNY

vice president in charge of public relations, Cliff Spieler, "is that we do meet NRC security standards. Corrigan has yet to offer any specific recommendations regarding any improvements and frankly management doesn't agree with some of his opinions.

"It is irresponsible of him to talk about what he considers a security problem, that there's no fence along part of the Hudson side, if he indeed thought this information might be a security leak. As far as the security personnel background checks, we run different background checks on different personnel according to what and where they work and we consider them sufficient. We also think the officers have sufficient weaponry. We think they are highly qualified and trained security officers."

CORRIGAN LIKES to believe the company line also, but he worries. He formed the Nuclear Security Officers Benevolent Association as a means to unionize and protect the officers. About 25% of the undisclosed number of officers belong to the one-year-old union, which is forming other chapters in the state, Corrigan said. They average five years experience at the Unit 3 plant and all have police or military backgrounds.

"They're very professional," Corrigan said of his fellow workers, "but they're also afraid to speak out in many instances for fear of reprisal. I'm willing to take the heat, to be the thorn in the side of PASNY, because I'm young, 22, have no family or mortgage."

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PASNY considers Corrigan quite a thorn. He was called in by management after he testified at the July 7 hearing conducted by the NRC in Yorktown. It was considered almost an act of defiance on the part of Corrigan to question PASNY, his employer, in public.

MANAGEMENT ASKED him to explain his speech and asked him why he hadn't confined his complaints to in-house supervisors. Corrigan told them he had written them letters, including one to Chairman John Dyson, and had not had much success.

Dyson responded by saying he had a lot of faith in his supervisors to handle any situation. Other management people reiterated the company line and did not support Corrigan's "opinions."

A lack of communication was one of Corrigan's complaints. He says it's up to the Benevolent Association to keep tabs on activity like Croatian or Puerto Rican terrorist groups because PASNY won't share information with it. Nor will it share information on how security officers responded to the Diablo Canyon demonstration in California or give it other pertinent crisis management information, he said. PASNY says that information is for supervisors, not security officers.

"WE'RE LEFT in the dark in too many situations," said Corrigan. "All I know is the notorious story of how security officers handled a bomb crisis here three years ago. Instead of calling for a bomb squad to inspect the suspected bomb, they actually handled it and moved it.

Fortunately, it was somebody's lunch. But there wasn't and still isn't any defined training to establish a chain of command responses to deal with the situation."

Spieler wouldn't confirm the 1979 incident but said that since that time PASNY no longer has hired contract security guards from private firms and "a lot has changed in our security operation". Con Edison, licensee of Unit 2 at Indian Point, does hire contract security officers.

"That's why I formed the union here, to make sure a utility doesn't hire Pinkertons or whatever again," said Corrigan. "If you're a contract guard, you can never voice your opposition, because you'll be replaced the next day by another guard and the utility would have too much leverage over a security force. They still are subject to NRC guidelines, but the quality isn't there."

CORRIGAN WANTS to improve conditions at PASNY to insure the plant's safety. He says more training is the only solution.

"Corrigan is genuine, but he's taking the wrong route," said the NRC's Foley. "He should go to a local congressman or the State Legislature and convince them the actions are needed. Then the utility will have to do it."

Foley admitted the manual of safety operations was written well before the surge of terrorist activity became a worldwide problem. He did say that changes have been made in the manual.

"Something should be done," said Corrigan, "and I'm sure PASNY or any other utility won't do it until the NRC requires it, unfortunately." ■

Suspicious car wreck investigated

Buchanan police are investigating whether missing lug nuts, which caused a wheel to fall off the car of an Indian Point security officer, were intentionally removed or loosened.

An outspoken critic of security at the Buchanan reactors, Joseph Corrigan, 23, of Carmel escaped injury early Wednesday morning while driving home from the nuclear power plant. Loss of the left

front tire caused him to lose control of the car on Peekskill Hollow Road near the Putnam Valley Firehouse.

One of the wheel's five lug nuts was found at the accident scene still attached to its broken shaft. The other four shafts also were reported snapped off at the stem, but none of their four missing lug nuts could be found, leading Corriggan and police to speculate that they had been removed.

Corrigan, who travels the winding Bear Mountain Extension, was driving along a straight stretch of road when the wheel fell off.

He is a state employee working as an officer at the Power Authority of the State of New York's Unit 3.

A PASNY spokesman said they had been notified of the car accident.

— Jon Craig

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Report Reported

A little honesty needed at Indian Point

I was glad to hear the remark from Croton Mayor Robert Price after his tour of Indian Point. He stated that "it was an impressive place." He also commented, "You've shown us the strengths, now show us the weaknesses." Very good statement, Mr. Mayor.

The Croton Village Board toured the facility and were even allowed to enter the containment building not normally seen by visitors. One of the members of the mayor's delegation noted that of the four-hour tour, half that time was security processing. A few weeks earlier Orange County Executive Louis Heimbach toured the facility and said that he continues to be impressed by security measures.

Certainly our public officials do

not have to be told — never judge a book by its cover. Mayor Price was careful to make that observation. You would never guess that the top securi-

Your views

ty people at Indian Point have no nuclear security or safety experience. They lack the experience of action under the burden of responsibility. They learn their job as each day passes. This is a miscarriage of the public trust.

I happen to be pro-nuclear and realize further its importance to our country and particularly this region. I

have spoken out a number of times on nuclear security and safety issues at Indian Point.

As president of the Nuclear Security Officers Benevolent Association, I prepared a confidential report for Alfred DelBello concerning these issues. I also prepared a legislative proposal for the board of trustees of the Power Authority, to create an agency within the authority to recognize the security force as Nuclear Police Officers.

The Power Authority help-wanted advertisements say "Our Legacy is Leadership." John F. Kennedy said after the 1960 primary in Los Angeles, "The only valid test for the ability to lead, is lead vigorously." There are no

leaders at Indian Point. Just managers. So many, in fact, that if you took all their hot air, you could light up New York City, if only hot air could be converted to power.

What is really at issue here is we have a handfull of non-union corporate managers playing cops and robbers at our expense. However, the truth, as priceless as it may be, would have been the cheaper policy if it had been utilized from the beginning, instead of a public relations effort to show off the strengths.

Honesty continues to be the best policy, and I will continue to speak honestly on this and other issues that present themselves to us.

JOSEPH M. CORRIGAN
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The following documents concerning our review of the subject facility are transmitted for your information.

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- Draft/Final Environmental Statement, dated _____.
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- Safety Evaluation Report, or Supplement No. _____, dated _____.
- Notice of Hearing on Application for Construction Permit.
- Notice of Consideration of Issuance of Facility Operating License.
- Application and Safety Analysis Report, Volume _____.
- Amendment No. _____ to Application/SAR dated _____.
- Construction Permit No. CPPR- _____, Amendment No. _____, dated _____.
- Facility Operating License No. _____, Amendment No. _____, dated _____.
- Order Extending Construction Completion Date, dated _____.
- Other (Specify) Monthly notice covering period August 13, 1984. Expiration date
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