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Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, D. C.

February 6, 1969

The Honorable Glenn T. Seaborg
Chairman
Atomic Energy Commission
Germantown, Maryland 20545

Dear Chairman Seaborg:

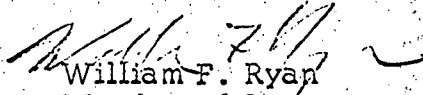
Enclosed is correspondence which I have received from my constituent, Mr. Larry Bogart, who is Director of the Anti-Pollution League.

I would very much appreciate having your comments on his letter and his suggestion that nuclear power plants be equipped with warning signals.

Thank you for your assistance.

With kindest regards.

Sincerely,


William F. Ryan
Member of Congress

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January 31, 1969

Rep. William F. Ryan
House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Mr. Ryan :

Your assistance is sought in introducing legislation which will give the people of your district some protection against accidents in nuclear power plants. As the enclosed map shows, these have suddenly blossomed out like ABM missile sites, but they are much more hazardous. Con Edison has no warning or alarm system and without some knowledge of what to do in the event of a ruptured reactor and radioactive wastes streaming down wind, there would be many needless casualties.

We suggest utilities which will be supplying power to their customers from nuclear reactors be required each year to enclose with the bill, a warning circular - What To Do in Case of a Nuclear Excursion. An identifiable warning signal, audible throughout the area that might be effected by a nuclear accident should also be made mandatory. It could be tested yearly to give new arrivals in the neighborhood familiarity with the distinctive sound.

I am going to be in Washington for a week soon and will call for an appointment to get your views on this recommendation. I think the whole matter of environmental danger from nuclear reactors might occupy some time at the annual meeting of the West Side Association. A presentation by League scientists and by Con Edison might be stimulating.

Sincerely,

Larry Bogart

Larry Bogart
Director

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