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United States Senate

Mr. Larry Bogart
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Respectfully referred to

Dr. Glenn T. Seaborg, Chairman
Atomic Energy Commission

Washington, D. C. 20545

for such consideration as the communication
herewith submitted may warrant, and for a report
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By direction of

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Senator Clifford Case
Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C.

Dear Senator Case:

The Conservation Center has been acting as a link between citizens concerned about the over-rapid development and careless siting of nuclear power plants.

Within three months three giant nuclear reactors have been proposed for the Hudson River area.

In addition to the prototype AEC #1 reactor operated by Consolidated Edison at Indian Point, there is now a second and giant nuclear power plant under construction. Niagra-Mohawk has announced plans to build a nuclear plant opposite Bemis Point, New York, and over the New Year weekend Central Hudson Power and Light announced it would construct another plant on the Hudson River near Hudson, New York.

With great pains we attempted to intervene in behalf of concerned citizens because of a sincere belief that another nuclear plant should be located underground at the time public hearings were held (September 14-15) on the application of Con Ed to build at Indian Point. Our reason for questioning the safety of this plant are:

- (1) The Atomic Energy Commission's own Committee on Reactor Safeguards has advised against locating plants in populous areas. (There are 14 million people within a 30 mile radius of Indian Point.)
- (2) Experts have cautioned against locating nuclear reactors on major rivers.
- (3) Dr. Edward Teller has urged as a matter of elementary safety that all nuclear reactors be located underground as in Sweden.

In the light of the magnitude of a disaster which the AEC itself calculated as possible--however remote--it would seem obvious that Consolidated Edison should be required by the

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State of New York--if not the AEC--to place this reactor underground. It is said to be the largest yet to be given a construction license. This same utility found it possible when citizen opposition developed, to place its entire Storm King hydro plant underground for scenery's sake. In a statement before the SEC, the company stated that this did not require material added cost. The AEC in its 1962 report to Congress mentioned that nuclear reactors could be "hardened" by placing them underground at little if any extra expense.

In the light of these facts, isn't it extraordinary that a group of citizens can't be heard?

Sincerely,

Larry Bogart

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