Pond Road Crompond, New York 10517 April 15, 1974

Dixie Lee Ray, Chairman Atomic Energy Commission Washington, D.C. 20545

Dear Commissioner Ray,

Last evening's thunder, lightning, and accompanying radio bulletins of a tornado watch for New York, including the Hudson Valley, drowned out the assuring words of a Con Edison spokesman, who testified that concern about tornadoes was unnecessary since they do not or probably will not occur in this area. I heard this remark at a recent Atomic Energy Commission licensing hearing in Springvale, New York, when Con Edison was challenged in a series of safety questions raised by environmentalist attorney, Anthony Roisman.

Since the testimony, tornadoes have become the concern of not only mid-westerners, but of people in the northeast. Last year, a tornado tore through the community of Mahopac, New York, just several miles from Indian Point, leaving parts of the town in a shambles. The destruction left behind is a familiar scene to all. That scene was illuminated in my mind last night, but even more frightening was the picture of possible impending consequences should a tornado or any act of god play havoc at Indian Point, where two nuclear power plants are in operation.

What emergency plans are available to citizens should something like this happen? My family and I live just a few miles from Indian Point. What do we do? Who do we turn to? Con Edison's spokesman at the hearing didn't seem concerned? The AEC commissioners on the panel didn't seem concerned. Am I the only one?

Sincerely yours,

Jean Mulcahy

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