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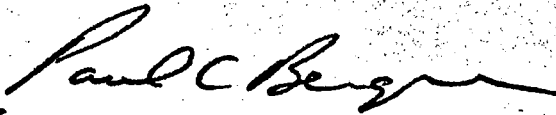
Dear Mr. Kammerer:

Enclosed is correspondence from Representative Benjamin A. Gilman concerning the safety of the nuclear power plant at Indian Point, New York.

Since the nature of this inquiry relates to the activities of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission rather than the Energy Research and Development Administration, it is requested that proper action be taken by your office.

We are advising Representative Gilman of this referral by copy of this letter.

Sincerely,


Paul C. Berger
H. Hollister Cantus, Director
Office of Congressional Relations

Enclosure:
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cc: Representative Benjamin A. Gilman

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BENJAMIN A. GILMAN
26TH DISTRICT, NEW YORK

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February 20th 1976

Dr. Robert C. Seamans, Jr.
Administrator
Energy Research and Development Administration
20 Massachusetts Avenue
Washington, D. C. 20545

Dear Dr. Seamans:

Recently, Robert Pollard, a former Project Manager of Con-Ed's Indian Point #2 nuclear power plant, stated that the design of a third nuclear power plant at Indian Point is unsafe.

Earlier this month, managing engineers who helped design 100 General Electric nuclear plants, resigned, claiming failure in the technical safety of nuclear power.

The New York State Public Interest Research Group (NYSPIRG) has stated that emergency evacuation plans for use in the event of a major accident at Indian Point are inadequate, endangering the lives of millions of persons living in and around the metropolitan New York City area and it's suburbs. NYSPIRG has filed legal proceedings to stop operations at Indian Point until minimum federal safety standards are met.

In view of these developments, I request that the ERDA conduct a full scale investigation and hold public hearings into the safety of operation of the nuclear plant at Indian Point.

As a representative of the constituency of a neighboring area which could be directly affected by any unsafe condition, questions that have been raised into the operations of the plant are of deep concern both to my congressional district and to the millions of other New York State residents whose lives and welfare depend upon all the facts being brought into the open. Public hearings will serve to reassure all of us or can serve as a catalyst for a program to bring about whatever changes may be necessary to make the Indian Point Plant a safe operation and a good neighbor.



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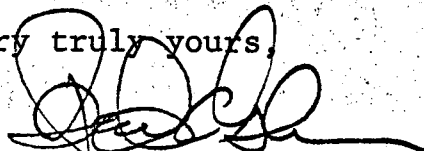


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I urge you to begin at once a complete and thorough investigation and to conduct meaningful public hearings. Time is of the essence.

Very truly yours,



BENJAMIN A. GILMAN
Member of Congress

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FRIENDS OF THE EARTH 74 JANE STREET NEW YORK NEW YORK 10014

February 12, 1976

William Anders, director,
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Anders:

We are deeply disturbed by the recent events at Indian Point, N.Y., which indicate that serious safety hazards exist at both of Consolidated Edison's nuclear reactors. Doubly disturbing is the fact that the NRC itself was aware of Consolidated Edison's failure to comply with existing NRC regulations, and of NRC's decision not to enforce their own standards regarding containment valves, cable trays, and other key safety systems that are needed to prevent or mitigate serious accidents.

On Tuesday, Consolidated Edison president Charles Luce, in response to a question at a press conference, stated that their electric generating capacity would be adequate without Indian Point II or III, except for summer peak load demand.

In view of the fact that former NRC project engineer Robert Pollard considers the continued operation of Indian Point II a threat to the safety and lives of those in the metropolitan New York area, we believe it is irresponsible to continue operating this plant or to permit operation of Indian Point III, and call on you to shut down the plant immediately, until an impartial, independent study leading to demonstrably effective corrective action has been performed.

Sincerely,

Lorna Salzman
Mid-Atlantic Representative,
Friends of the Earth

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Incoming: Lorna Salzman, Mid-Atlantic Representative,
From: Friends of the Earth

To: Chairman Anders Date 2/12/76

Subject: Asking for shutdown of Indian Point III
until an impartial study has been completed.

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 - Chairman
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Request shutdown of Indian Point 2 and 3 in view of Pollard allegations

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February 11, 1976

Mr. William A. Anders, Chairman
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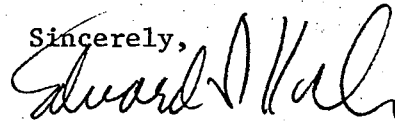
Dear Mr. Anders:

I am concerned about the charges of NRC Project Manager, Robert D. Pollard, as reported in the New York Times of February 10, 1976. Therefore, I would appreciate your response to each of his general and specific charges below:

1. "The Indian Point plants have been badly designed and constructed and are susceptible to accidents that could cause large-scale loss of life and other radiation injuries, such as cancers and birth defects."
2. "The magnitude of the hazards associated with these plants has been suppressed by the Government because the release of such information might cause great public opposition to their operation."
3. The No. 2 reactor had a "serious design defect - submerged valves - that could render required safety systems inoperable during an accident."
4. Valves on the No. 3 plant "which are supposed to prevent escape of radioactivity during accidents" were defective.
5. Electrical systems on the No. 2 plant "suffer from the same fundamental weaknesses as those which allowed a fire last year at the Brown's Ferry plant in Alabama to paralyze much of that plant's vital safety apparatus."

I look forward to an early reply. All the best.

Sincerely,



Edward I. Koch

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Incoming: Rep. Edward I. Koch

From: U.S. House of Representatives
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To: Chairman Anders Date 2/11/76

Subject: Questions concerning the charges
made by Robert D. Pollard

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DATE DUE COMMISSION: March 1, 1976

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- For appropriate action
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- For recommendation

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