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January 5, 1994

Mr. Ivan Selin, Chairman
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington, DC 20555

Dear Mr. Selin:

I am enclosing a copy of a letter recently sent to Senator Daniel Moynihan. Similar letters were sent to Senator Alfonse D'Amato, members of Congress, Governor Mario Cuomo and others.

Indian Point 3 is a disgrace and a threat to public safety. It is time for this aging plant to be decommissioned and all nuclear material removed from the premises.

Please let me know your plans for Indian Point 3, given the dismal report card from your regulators. I look forward to hearing from you at your earliest convenience.

Very truly yours,

HARRIET CORNELL
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The Hon. Daniel Patrick Moynihan
United States Senate
Russell Building 464
Washington, D. C. 20510

Dear Pat:

I am outraged by the lack of progress made by the New York Power Authority in reversing management and safety problems at Indian Point 3. On New Year's Eve I learned that a meeting was held on December 10 between NRC regulators and Indian Point 3 administrators, at which time the regulators expressed strong concerns about the ability of personnel to handle the plant safely even when it is shut down, as it has been for 10 months. In an article reported in The New York Times, NRC regulators said that operators have such poor control over equipment that they could release radioactive or chemical materials into the Hudson River or make errors that will injure workers.

In fact, there have been major fiascos this past year including one where workers released radioactive waste from the wrong tank into the Hudson. I have long believed that Indian Point 3 should be decommissioned before a terrible accident occurs. It is an aging plant, on the NRC's 'watch list' of the 10 worst in the nation, and it appears that its operators are unable to correct its deficiencies.

Please call for hearings in the Senate and urge our New York Congressional delegation to do the same in the House. In the meantime, please use your influence to see that a federal regulator is on site at all times to oversee all activities. This is a public safety issue of the greatest urgency which goes far beyond the boundaries of a single county. Thank you for your immediate attention to this matter.

Best personal regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Harriet Cornell".

Harriet Cornell

Letter sent to the following Senators & Congressmen:

Sen. Patrick Moynihan
Sen. Alfonse D'Amato
Congressman Edolphus Towns
Congressman Jerrold Nadler
Congressman Maurice Hinchey
Congressman Bill Paxon
Congressman Hamilton Fish, Jr.
Congressman Carolyn Maloney
Congressman Nita M. Lowey
Congressman Benjamin Gilman
Congressman Thomas J. Manton