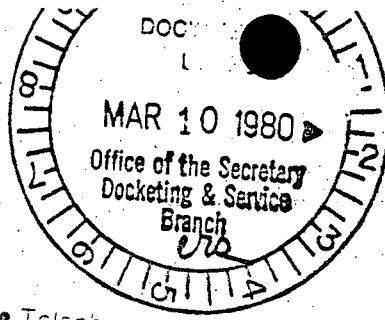




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February 25, 1980

Mr. John Ahearne, Chairman  
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission  
Washington, D.C. 20555

Dear Mr. Ahearne,

The following are my comments concerning Indian Point and the decisions by Harold Denton on the UCS Petition.

Harold Denton's decisions regarding Indian Point are an insult to those put human physical and psychological well-being ahead of the mechanics of 'progress' and profit. The dangers to public safety in the areas surrounding Indian Point, extending to the populated regions around New York City, remain such that residents' lives and peace of mind are severely jeopardized. Indian Point must not be permitted to continue operation until all questions raised by the UCS petition are --not superficially addressed--but resolved. There is too much at stake to consider another approach.

Furthermore, I appeal to you establish an Atomic Safety and Licensing Board, as recommended in section 65 of the UCS petition, to conduct hearings and compile a factual record concerning Indian Point.

The weight of these decisions is such that you bear sole responsibility; I cannot accept any circumstances where you delegate this decision to others outside of the Commissioners. I find it difficult enough to leave this question in their hands.

As you proceed to consider long term decisions with respect to Indian Point, I expect that you will have the prudence and respect for area residents to close the facility.

Although the sentiments expressed herein reflect the opinions of numerous colleagues, I am conveying a personal, and not official Institute for World Order position.

With respect for your difficult and solemn responsibility,

Richard Perl

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