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Senator Jacob Javits  
Senate Office Building  
Washington, D. C.


Dear Senator Javits:

On March 26, 1969 I was called as a witness at an Atomic Energy Commission hearing in Buchanan, New York. The subject of the hearing is a request from the Consolidated Edison Co. for a permit to construct Indian Point reactor No. 3.

The presiding officer ruled that I might not give testimony on the subject of thermal pollution except as temperature might affect radiological risks.

I am writing to request that you use any influence you may have to assure that thermal pollution will be taken into account in approving sites for nuclear plants. This is urgent because we expect very soon to have hearings here on the Bell reactor which New York State Electric and Gas Co. proposes for the shore of Cayuga Lake. The Lake may be ruined by the thermal pollution and it is simply outrageous to ignore this in granting a construction permit. Standards for thermal release into a flowing river simply do not apply to a stratified lake.

Very sincerely yours,

La Mont C. Cole  
Professor of Ecology

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