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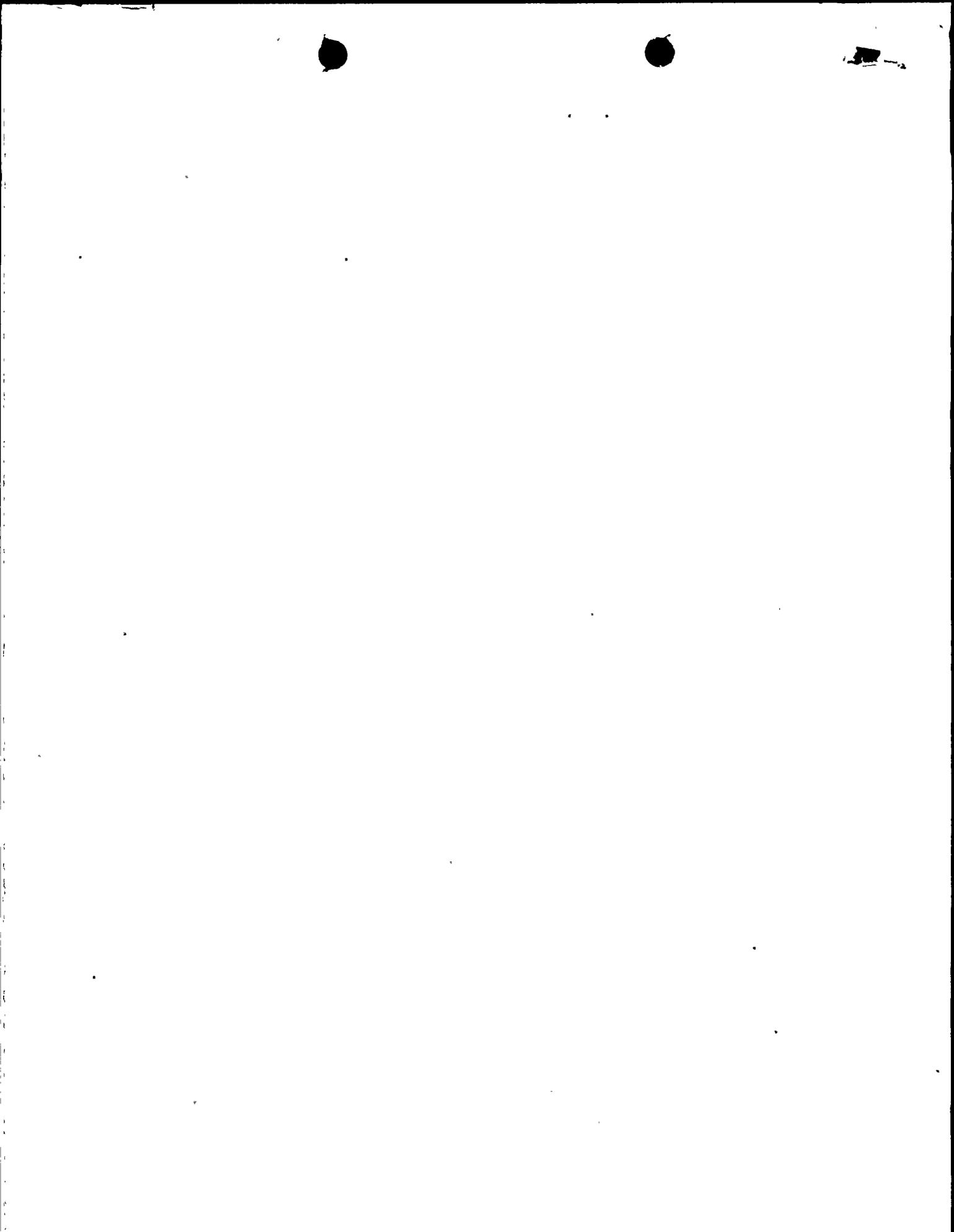
Dear Mrs. Smith:

Your letter to the President dated August 13, 1976, has been referred to the Nuclear Regulatory Commission for reply. The Commission appreciates and shares your concern for the protection of nuclear power plants against sabotage.

The NRC regulations protect the details of reactor security plans since such plans contain information of a proprietary nature. However our regulations also provide that such information can be made available to persons who agree not to disclose the proprietary information contained in the plans. In the case of Diablo Canyon, a consultant for the Mothers for Peace was permitted to review the site security plans by agreeing, under oath, not to reveal the contents of the plan.

As part of the licensing process the NRC affords the public a chance to participate in the public hearing held in consideration of the issuance of an operating license. The Mothers for Peace is a party to the hearing on Diablo Canyon and one of their contentions, regarding the adequacy of the security plans, has been admitted to the proceeding. Under these circumstances the Mothers for Peace have a "right to discovery" which permits a party to obtain information relevant to the issues in the proceeding. In this case a request by the Mothers for Peace that their consultant have access to the plant security plans was granted by the Atomic Safety and Licensing Board which conducts the proceeding on the basis that the consultant had established expertise in this area and an acceptable security clearance. We have attached a copy of the Atomic Safety and Licensing Board's decision on this issue, for your information.

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If I can be of any further assistance, please feel free to contact me.

*(5) Case*

*for* Ben C. Rusche, Director  
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Regulation

Enclosure:  
Atomic Safety and Licensing  
Board's decision on Diablo  
Canyon

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