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United States Senate

MEMORANDUM March 2, 1976

A communication attached from:

Ms. Jill Merbe Greenberg Smith College Junior Year in Italy Piazza Antinori 2 Firenze, ITALY

Respectfully referred to:

Mr. Carlton C. Kammerer, Director Office of Congressional Affairs Nuclear Regulatory Commission Washington, D.C. 20555

for such consideration as the communication transmitted herewith may warrant and for a report thereon, in duplicate to accompany return of the enclosure.

Your assistance in this matter will be appreciated.

Sincerely, Rec'd Off. Dir. Date_ Time Philip A. Hart, U. S. S.

re: Diablo Canyon Nuclear Plant; status of licensing procedure and consideration of points raised by Ms. Greenberg

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Firenze Italia Febraury 10, 1976

Senator Philip Hart Senator of the State of Michigan United States Congress Washington District of Colombia

Dear Senator Hart,

I have spent much time and energy in the past to encourage the United States government to exercise its power to limit the dangerous and alarming construction of nuclear facilities in the United States. I am a constituent from the State of Michigan and have previously appealed to you as my Senator to encourage an immediate ban on furthur construction of nuclear reactorsn as well as initiating furthur reaearch programs into the hasards of Nuclear Energy, and the protective measures necessary for a truly <u>safe</u> and effective energy source. I write this time not merely to express my extreme dismay that so little has been accomplished but to demand that immediate action now be taken to halt operation of reactors so which are located in earthquake zones. The Nuclear Regulatory Commission is to decide by March 1, the future of not just the Diablo Canyon Reactor, but the future of the international community as well. This plant is currentl the subject of temendous concern not merely on the part of environmentalists but also a high ranking official of the NRC, has recently resigned in protest of the dangerous risks involved in the American use of Nuclear Energy.

The Nuclear reactor plant at Diablo Canyon is built about 12 miles from Jan Luis Obispo/ At the time construction was begun it was established that this reactor was to be built some 49 miles from the San Andreas fault and approximently 20 miles from the Rinconada fault. To support this reactor in case of earthquake, precautions were taken that would hopefully fortify the reactor in any earthquake that registered up to 6.75 on the Richter scale. In 1971, Shell Oil Co. found an underwater fault that is 2.5 miles from the Diablo Canyon plant. Recent studies by United States Geologists have revealed that this fault is probably responsible for an earthquake in 1927 that reached 7.25 on the Richter scale. The Pacific Gas and Electric Company debates these findings, their claim remains that a more distant fault caused the quake of 1927. The Nuclear Regulatory Commission is to decide whether to grant a license for operation to the Diablo Canyon Plant. I strongly arge you to exectrascmuchcinfluence as possible to stop furthur use of this plant and to forbid the construction of Nuclear heactors in such dangerous and controversial locations! I furthur urge you to encourage a delay in the construction of all Nuclear Energy Reactors until such a time when our cnowledge is more highly developed so that such concerns as these need not cause widespread concern by the public. The Nuclear Regulatory Commission is to decide not just the immediate future of that particular plant; but the future of both Nuclear Energy as a safe and feasable means of energy, . and that of the countless number of lives which would doubtlessly suffer in case of an error by the NRC.

I implore you, as my Senator, to take action immediately and anxiously wait a response. Thank you for your time

Sincerely, All Marie, Greenborg

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