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Dear Mr. Hendrie:

Nuclear Accidents do happen. The recent accident at the Three Mile Island nuclear reactor demonstrates how dangerous nuclear power is. Furthermore, there is no proven solution to the problem of disposal of the highly radioactive waste associated with nuclear reactors. This letter is to let you know how terribly concerned I am about it. You and other members of the Nuclear Power Commission are to decide shortly whether or not to grant an operating license to Pacific Gas and Electric's nuclear power plant at Diablo Canyon, California.

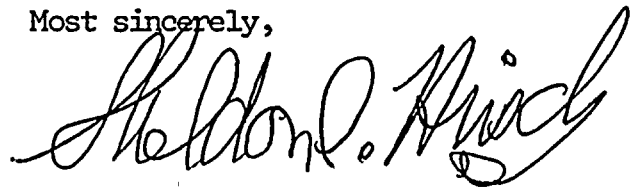
According to the Department of Energy (Newsweek, April 16, 1979, p. 41) the entire western region of the United States depends on nuclear energy less than 5%. Furthermore, a recent study done by Leonard S. Rodberg, director of the Community Energy Project of Washington (for a subcommittee of the Joint Energy Committee) a shift to solar energy by 1990 could produce a net gain of three million jobs for Americans (Los Angeles Times, April 22, 1979).

With conservation techniques coupled with solar technology, I cannot see why we need to endanger any of our citizens with nuclear reactors.

I feel we are at an energy crossroads and urge you and your fellow commissioners to deny PG&E their operating license for the Diablo Canyon nuclear reactor.

We do not need Diablo Canyon. What we need is a future free of nuclear power.

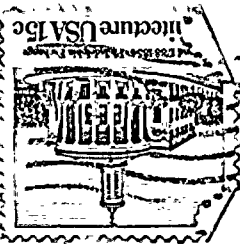
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