

September 18, 1970

PETITION

Mr. Glenn T. Seaborg
To: Chairman of Atomic Energy Commission

CC: Division of Reactor Licensing
Dir. and Secretary

Washington, D. C. 20545

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Again, Mr. Thom. G. Ayers, President of Commonwealth Edison, has been under a newspaper barrage concerning his son William Ayers a self avowed revolutionary. A strange part of this is the son went with a Miss Diana Oughton, daughter of James Oughton head of the bank in Dwight, Ill. which is attached to the 9 buildings where the children are kept. He was a blue ribbon (so-called candidate) in 1964-66 and shortly thereafter these sick children were moved in to Dwight. Mr. Ayers is also in business with Judge Hoffman of the Court System in Grundy Co., Morris, where these hearings were held.

Dr. Crane, head of the above Hospital, didn't even know about the hearings. It takes no stretch of the imagination to realize that inasmuch as Mr. Oughton, Pres. of the Dwight Bank also, can pretty much put pressure on the local newspaper in Dwight. The proof is there was no representation from Livingston County and why? Was there a news blanket?

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At any rate, the fate of the people downwind from this plant. The danger to the people who are not being informed due to whatever pressures are behind the scene;both political and self interest, should be of prime concern to your Commission.

The staging of hearings with people brought in from Universities, some of them with vested interests(the U. of Chicago was on both sides of the fence) and some like 2 law students(Mr. Spears and Mr. Sugarman)who saw nothing, know nothing and say nothing) Along with the no reporting of the hearings before the Dec. deadline of the 20th by the Bulletin of the Atomic Scientist Magazine(again controlled by Field Interests) (the Uiv.of Chicago has people on its boards from both Field and Commonwealth Edison)

If a an elaborate game strategem has been going on it is time to investigate and stop all the nonsense.

I again reeiterate, that I protest any granting of this permit to the aboveCommonwealth Edison Organization and feel that if you cant do an efficient investigation that the Dept. of Transportation,(Navigable waters on which the Dresden Plant sits.) or Army Corps of Engineers (altho they need investiagtion also) be notified.

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Sincerely,

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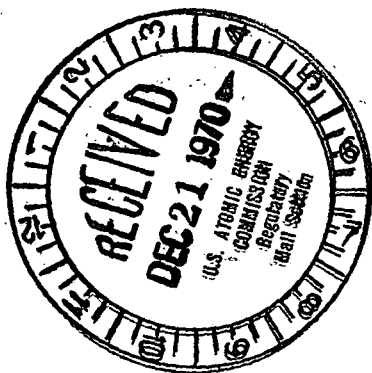
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