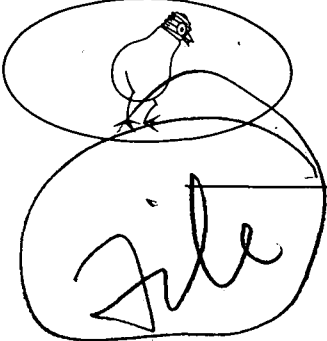


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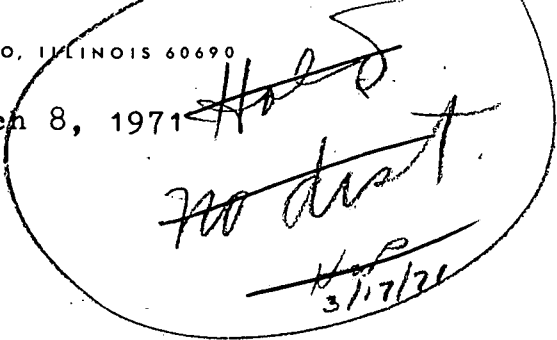
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Mr. Harold L. Price
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Dear Harold:

Enclosed is a copy of the Permit and Opinion from our Illinois Pollution Control Board concerning Dresden Unit 3 which I am sure your people will be interested in reviewing.

Art Gehr and his partners tell us that the section on pre-emption is a very poor discussion of the law. This is surprising since three of the members of the Board are attorneys, and the Chairman is a former professor of law at the University of Chicago. He is a very bright young man.

Although the entire Permit and Opinion is disheartening, it is encouraging to see the policy of the Board is not anti-nuclear. They unfortunately have been swept up in the emotional tide of restricting all releases to levels which are technically possible. The Board is presently conducting hearings throughout the State in connection with the establishment of effluent standards. One of the members of the Board, a former FWQA employee, believes that dilution should not be used to comply with water quality standards for any discharges - chemical, solids or radio-activity.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to give me a call.

Sincerely,

Byron Lee, Jr.
Assistant to the President

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