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Dr. Joseph Hendrie
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Dear Mr. Chairman:

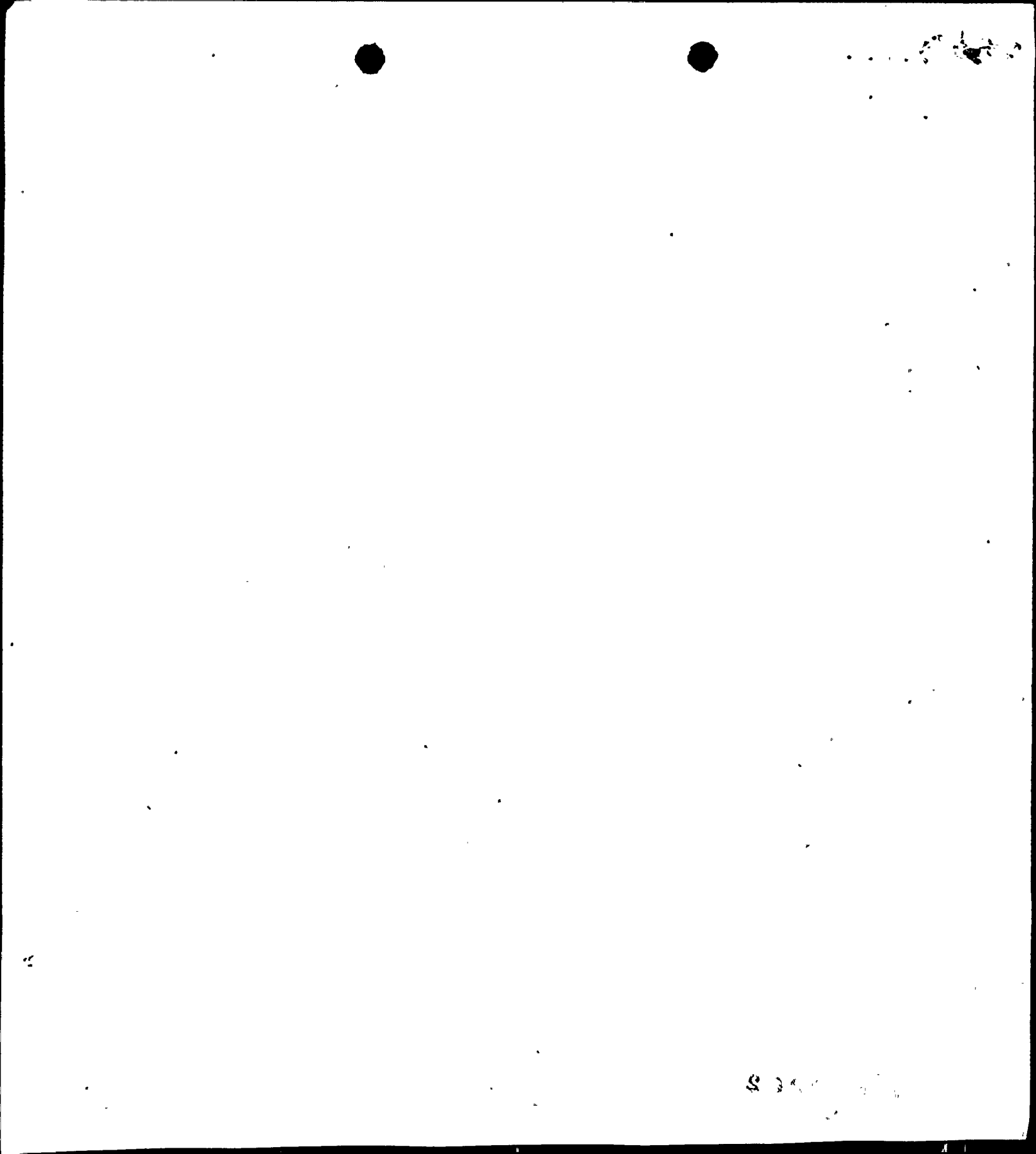
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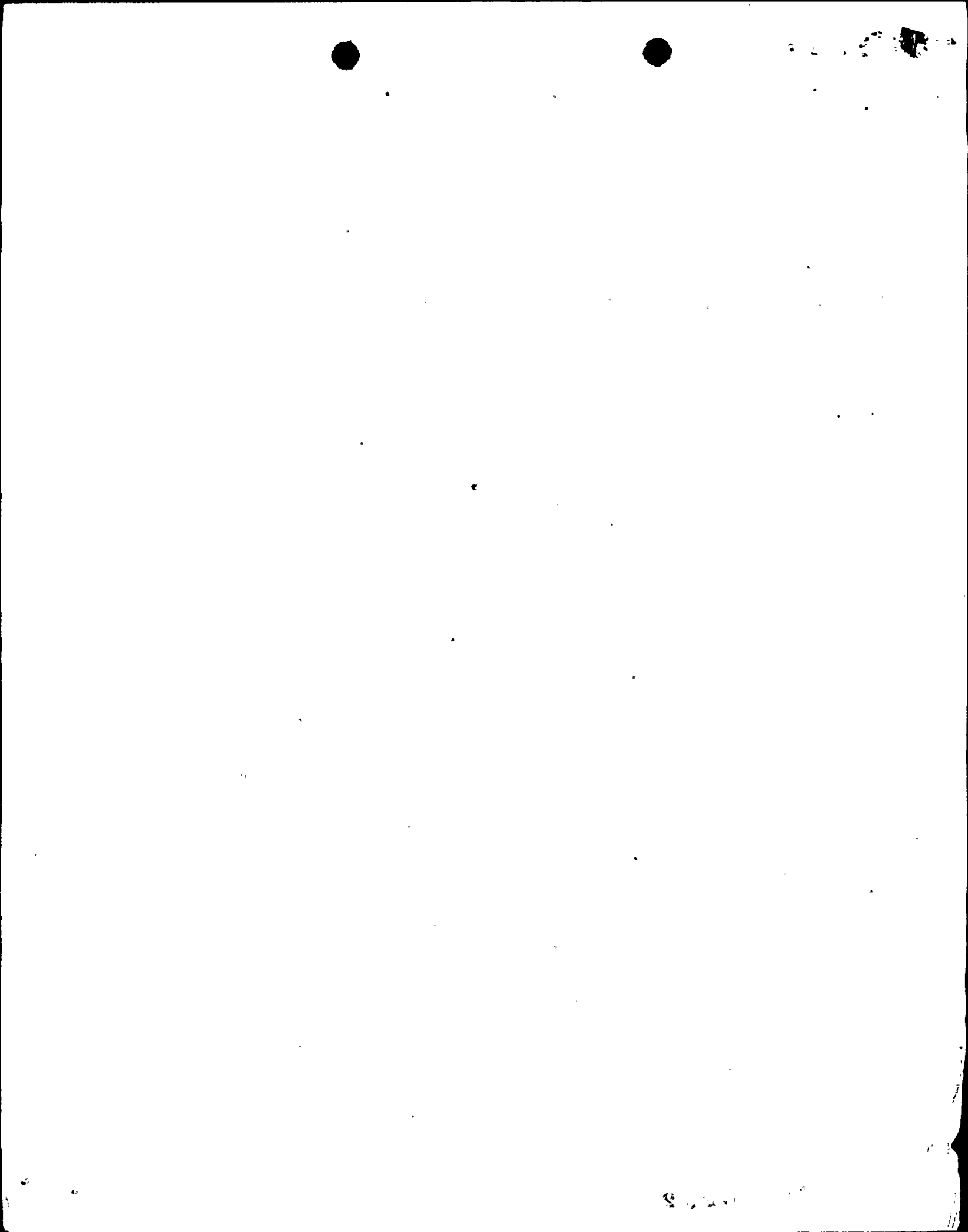
SENATOR GARY HART
UNITED STATES SENATE
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DEAR SENATOR HART

I LIVE IN CHAPEL HILL, NORTH CAROLINA WHERE THE NEARBY
SHEARON HARRIS NUCLEAR POWER PLANT IS BEING BUILT BY
CAROLINA POWER & LIGHT COMPANY. WHEN CONSTRUCTION
COMMENCED, NEITHER I NOR ANYONE ELSE IN OUR COMMUNITY
HAD ANY VOICE IN THE MATTER. OUR ONLY RECOURSE WAS TO
BRING LEGAL APPEAL THROUGH CONCERNED CITIZENS GROUPS TO
THE NRC APPEAL BOARD. THIS WAS DONE IN JANUARY, 1978.
FOR OVER 6 MONTHS, THE NRC APPEAL BOARD DID NOTHING --
STILL, CONSTRUCTION CONTINUED. FINALLY, IN AUGUST, 1978, THE
APPEAL BOARD RENDERED A DECISION: CONSTRUCTION WOULD
CONTINUE AND "FURTHER DISCUSSION... WOULD NOT BE FRUITFUL."
IT IS MY UNDERSTANDING THAT THIS WRITTEN DECISION WAS
MADE WITHOUT THE BENEFIT OF A HEARING OF ANY KIND.

IT IS OBVIOUS THERE ARE MANY UNANSWERED QUESTIONS
SURROUNDING NUCLEAR POWER PLANTS. THUS, I QUESTION WHY
OUR COUNTRY CONTINUES TO MOVE FORWARD RAPIDLY (AND YET
SAFELY) IN SUCH A POTENTIALLY HARMFUL DIRECTION. AND I
QUESTION WHY THE NRC, WHICH I WOULD HOPE IS CHARGED
WITH THE RESPONSIBILITY OF PROTECTING THE PUBLIC AGAINST
NUCLEAR PROLIFERATION, WILL NOT EVEN LISTEN TO
CONCERNED CITIZENS.

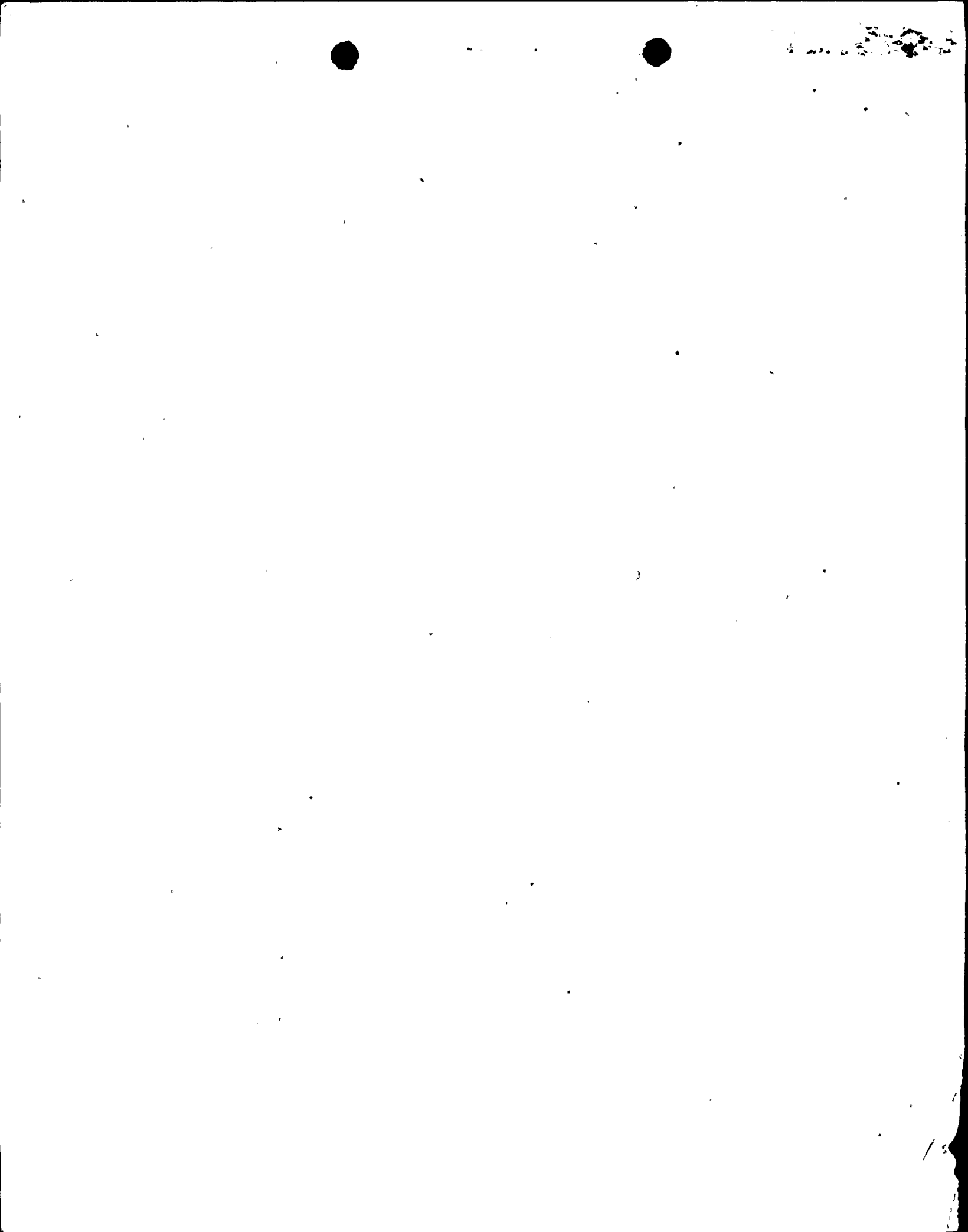
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SO HERE I AM, FEELING HELPLESS AND FRUSTRATED... AND
WRITING YOU AND REP. DUNN SINCE I'VE HEARD THAT
YOU'RE INVOLVED IN "WATCH-DOGGING" THE NRC AT A
CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEE LEVEL... HONESTLY, I DON'T
KNOW WHAT ELSE TO DO; CAN YOU DO ANYTHING? OR
IS "THE SYSTEM" REALLY OUT OF CONTROL?

HELP!

WILLIAM S. BAKER
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CHAFFEL HILL, N.C. 27514



No. 78-1722 Logging Date 12/4/78

NRC SECRETARIAT

TO: Commissioner _____ Date _____

Exec. Dir./Oper. _____ Gen. Counsel _____

Cong. Liaison _____ Solicitor _____

Public Affairs _____ Secretary _____

Incoming: Senator Gary Hart

From: Constituent referral of Dorothy Waage

To: Chairman Hendrie Date 11/7/78

Subject: Request comments on concerns expressed
re: CP&I's Shearon Harris plants

Prepare reply for signature of:

- Chairman _____
- Commissioner _____

EDO, GC, CL, SOL, PA, SECY

- Signature block omitted
- _____
- Return original of incoming with response

Rec'd OCA 12/5/78
 Date 12/5/78
 Time 2:10

- For direct reply* **Suspense; Dec. 12**
- For appropriate action
- For information
- For recommendation

Remarks: Logged Ex Parte Original to Docket
Cpy to: OCA to Acknowledge

For the Commission: Combs

*Send three (3) copies of reply to Secy Mail Facility

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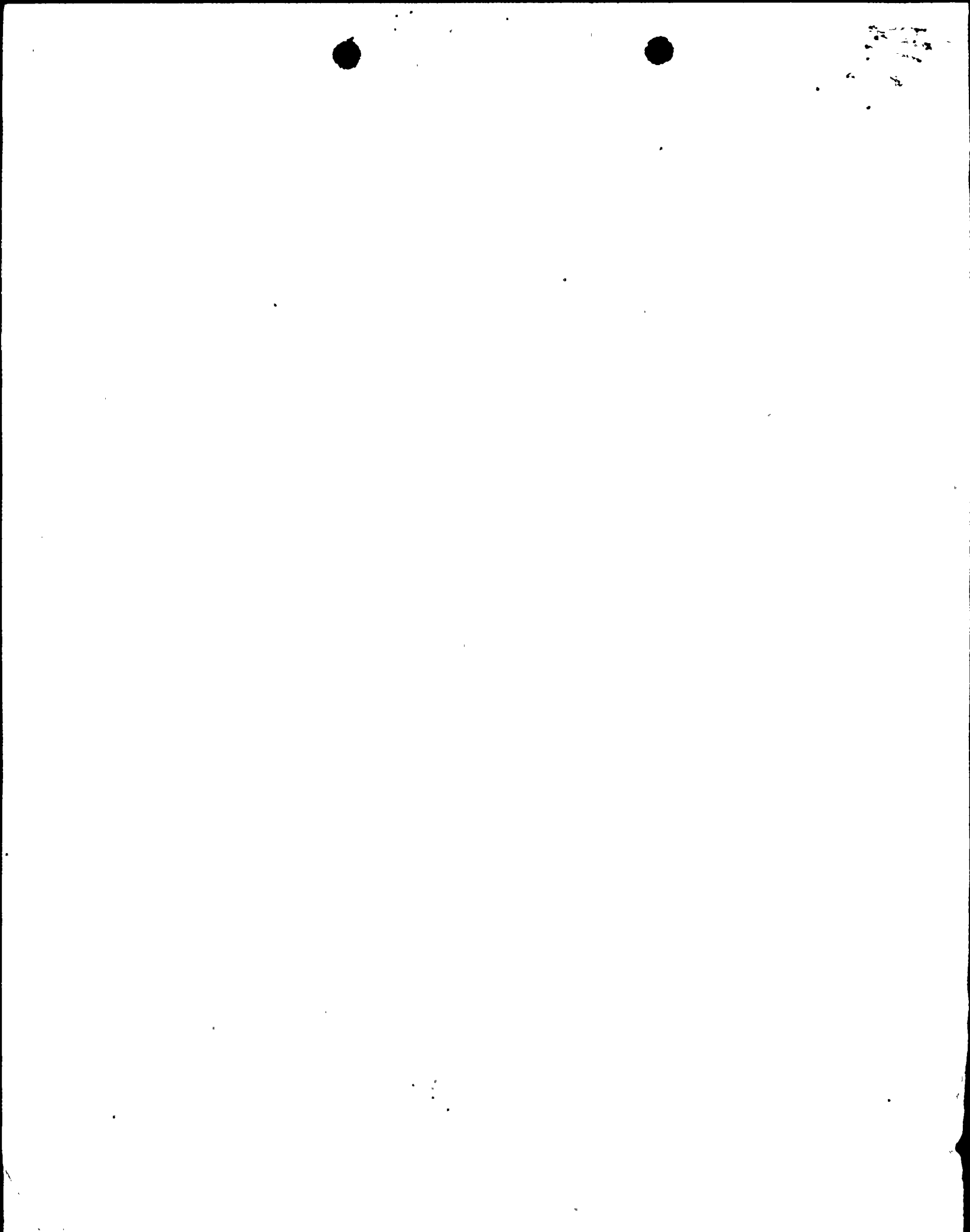
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October 2, 1978

The Hon. Gary Hart
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Dear Sir:

Hearings on the construction permit granted by the Nuclear Regulatory Commission--to the Carolina Power and Light for the construction of the Shearon Harris nuclear power plant should be reopened to prove or disprove the need for this plant.

CP&L's prediction of its annual growth rate far exceeds that of other forecasts. The NRC did not consider this important evidence before granting the permit and now does not choose to subject the evidence to public scrutiny.

May I earnestly beg you as chairman of the subcommittee on environment of the Senate Interior Committee to urge your colleagues to agree and you yourself to press for a reopening of the hearings on the Shearon Harris plant on the basis of the need for for this plant.

The hearings should be held in Raleigh.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Believe me,
Yours very truly,

Dorothy B. Waage
(Mrs. Frederick Waage)

