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The President
The White House
Washington, D. C.

Mr. President:

We want to congratulate you on going to Three-Mile Island, and for setting a responsible tone with respect to the situation there.

As you prepare your upcoming statement on energy, we believe that it is vitally important that you take the leadership in reassuring the people of the United States that nuclear energy is safe, and that we must move forward aggressively with our light water reactor program.

The sensational aspects of press and media coverage of the Three-Mile Island accident, along with irresponsible statements by some political and media figures, pose a critical threat to this country. We believe that the tone you set with respect to the light water reactor program can make the decisive difference in the success of this country's energy policies and programs.

Of course we agree that the Three-Mile Island accident emphasizes the need for very careful review of all existing and future nuclear plants. We can benefit from the lessons learned from the accident, and make all nuclear plants even more safe than they already are. However, this should be done in such a way as to not interrupt or delay our nuclear energy production program.

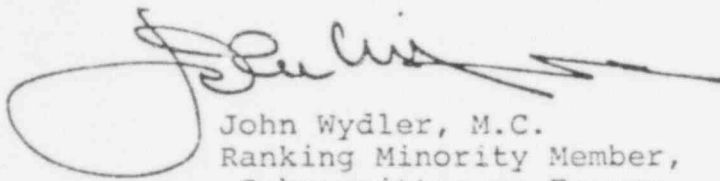
We support the concept that we must emphasize energy conservation, along with production of energy from clean coal products and nuclear fission, and, in the future, from other energy sources. Although we must move forward

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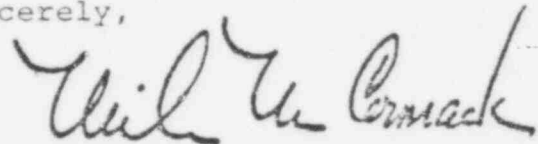
aggressively with both energy conservation and production, we face an inevitable debate with respect to almost every aspect of energy policy. You can set the tone now for a rational discussion, especially with respect to the safety and the future of nuclear energy.

We wish you well, and we will support you in this endeavor.

Sincerely,



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