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May 11, 1979

Mr. Harold Denton, Operations Chief
Nuclear Regulatory Commission
1717 H Street Northwest
Washington, D.C. 20006

Dear Mr. Denton:

Enclosed is a copy of the Mailgram I sent to your office
on April 24, 1979.

To date, I have not received a reply. I urge your
immediate attention to this matter as time is of the essence if
we are to prevent a recurrence of T.M.I.

Please respond.

Respectfully,

George A. Dowd
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THIS IS A DUPLICATE AND CORRECTED COPY OF THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE
SENT 4-24-79 930A EST TO:

HAROLD DENTON CHIEF OPERATOR
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION
1717 H ST NORTHWEST
WASHINGTON DC 20006

RECENT ACCIDENT AT THREE MILE ISLAND AND SUBSEQUENT EVENTS PROMPTS
ME TO DIRECT THIS INQUIRY TO YOU. PUBLISHED AND BROADCAST REPORTS
IN RECENT DAYS INDICATE A WOEFUL LACK OF TRAINING ON THE PART
OF MOST TECHNICAL PERSONNEL AT THE PENNSYLVANIA FACILITY, THEREFORE
MY QUESTION IS; ARE THERE ANY NUCLEAR POWER PLANT CONTROL ROOM
SIMULATORS CURRENTLY IN OPERATION WHEREBY NUCLEAR TECHNICIANS
CAN BE TRAINED AND TESTED ON THEIR ABILITY TO HANDLE ANY AND
ALL EMERGENCY CONDITIONS? AS AN EXAMPLE THE RECENT EMERGENCY
SITUATION AT T M I.

THESE "MOCK UP" CONTROL ROOMS COULD BE OPERATED ALONG THE LINES
OF THE FLIGHT SIMULATORS USED WITH GREAT SUCCESS FOR MANY YEARS
BY THE AIRLINES AND THE AIR FORCE NATURALLY THE TECHNICIANS WOULD
BE FUNCTIONING IN A SAFELY CONTROLLED ENVIRONMENT, BUT AT THE
SAME TIME BE FACED WITH SIMULATED EMERGENCY SITUATIONS.

I POSE THIS THOUGHT AS A QUESTION SIMPLY BECAUSE I HAVE NOT HEARD
OF ANY SUCH FACILITY CURRENTLY IN OPERATION ON THE STATE OR FEDERAL
LEVEL.

IF THERE ARE SUCH TRAINING SIMILATORS IN OPERATION I WOULD APPRECIATE
KNOWING ABOUT IT. IF THERE ARE NONE, MAY I RESPECTFULLY SUGGEST
THERE CONSTRUCTION AND IMPLIMENTATION BE GIVEN THE HIGHEST PRIORITY
AT THE NATIONAL LEVEL. I WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR EARLIEST RESPONSE.
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