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COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20510

September 26, 1972

Honorable James R. Schlesinger, Chairman
Atomic Energy Commission
Washington, D.C. 20545


Dear Mr. Schlesinger:

It is my understanding that the Atomic Energy Commission has tentatively scheduled public hearings on the Limerick Nuclear Power Plant for October. In this regard, I have been advised that Mr. Carl Houston, a welding engineer, is not recognized by the AEC as a qualified witness and, therefore, has been denied the privilege of testifying. Mr. Houston was in charge of the welding portion in the construction of the nuclear power plant in Surry, Virginia. I would very much appreciate being provided with an explanation for the rationale behind this judgment by the AEC.

I also understand that the Three Mile Island Plant is at the operating stage, awaiting a permit from the AEC. Reports indicate that this plant may have some construction faults, specifically: honeycombing in the primary containment, faulty fuel rods, and an operational fault in the emergency core cooling system. Additionally, this plant is located only two and one-half miles from the end of the Harrisburg Airport runway. Again, I would appreciate being provided with an up-dated report on this plant and verification of the above-mentioned problems.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,


Richard S. Schweiker
United States Senator

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