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Mr. Ashok Thadani Nuclear Regulatory Commission Washington, D. C. 20555

Dear Mr. Thadani:

As a result of a phone call between yourself and a member of my staff, this inquiry is being sent to request a response to a question by a constituent, Mr. Howard Altschuler of New Haven.

Mr. Altschuler has a copy of your three studies on <u>Anticipated</u> <u>Transients Without SCRAM for Light Water Reactors</u>. On page 39 of Volume 1, he noted your comments concerning the possibilities of a nuclear accident or melt-down. He stated that he was unable to understand much of the text because of its technical nature, but was concerned because he concluded that a nuclear melt-down was a 100 to 1 possibility.

I would appreciate a non-technical explanation of the comments to which my constituent referred, so that I can share your response with him.

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ROBERT N. GIAIMO Member of Congress

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