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Mr. P. C. Reardon
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Dear Mr. Reardon:

Your thoughtful letter of April 25, 1979 to Chairman Hendrie regarding some implications of the Three Mile Island accident has been referred to me.

The Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation has initiated a comprehensive study of the Three Mile Island accident to identify, analyze and recommend changes to NRC licensing requirements and to the licensing process, based on the lessons learned from the accident. This study will draw on the results of the several investigations now underway of the accident, on NRC staff evaluations of the causes and implications of the accident, and on recommendations and comments we receive from outside the NRC.

The comments made in your letter regarding the independence of events are cogent ones. I assure you that they will be given careful consideration in our "lessons learned" study.

Thank you for taking the time to express your interest and views on this important matter.

Sincerely,

Original signed by:

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