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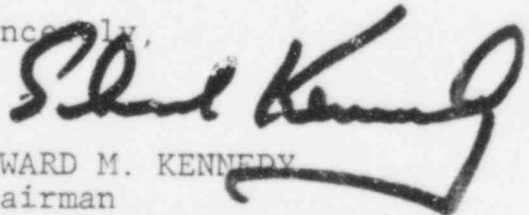
Dear Dr. Hendrie:

As you know, Dr. Chase Petersen of the University of Utah has requested \$18,000 from the Nuclear Regulatory Commission to complete his study of the health effects of low-level ionizing radiation.

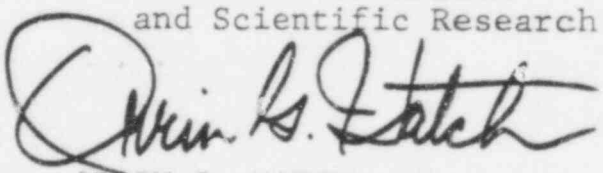
On the basis of the testimony we heard in Salt Lake City on April 19 regarding radioactive fallout in southern Utah, we feel strongly that the kind of health information which Dr. Petersen is seeking to develop is of the greatest importance.

Dr. Petersen's request for further funding is, we understand, now being considered by the NRC. We would appreciate your informing us of where that request is in the review process, what alternatives (if any) for gathering the information needed are being considered, and when a decision will be made.

Sincerely,



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