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Dear Mike:

Thanks for your letter of May 2, 1979. You don't have to apologize for expressing an opinion on Three Mile Island. At this stage, we welcome suggestions, especially from those who have devoted an appreciable fraction of their lives -- as you have -- to reactor safety.

While your first two suggestions are similar to other suggestions we have received, I value your special viewpoint. Your comments have been passed on to the staff.

Your last suggestion that we make a positive effort to keep informed on what others (EEI, DOE, EPRI, etc.) are doing in response to the TMI accident is new -- at least I haven't heard it expressed before. I suspect we have been assuming we would receive letters, reports and memoranda from these other groups as they were released. I like your idea of taking positive steps to assure we are continually informed of TMI-related work at other agencies and organizations. We will act on it.

Sincerely,

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