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Dear Mr. Evans,

In response to a request from Mitchell Rogovin to Ralph Nader, I am sending you the enclosed copy of Public Citizen's report, Death and Taxes. The report concerns the utility's decision to place the Three Mile Island Unit 2 reactor into commercial operation to gain tax advantages despite the reactor's history of malfunctions.

I hope the report is useful in your investigations. If you have any questions I suggest you contact Robert Stulberg at Public Citizen's Health Research Group (872-0320).

Sincerely,

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Commenting on the Public Citizen investigation report "Death and Taxes: An Investigation of the Initial Operation of Three Mile Island No. 2," Ralph Nader remarked:

Putting nuclear plants into premature commercial operation in order to obtain a tax break opens up a new chapter of utility irresponsibility and NRC laxness. This rush to open nuclear plants before the last day of the year has occurred in several other plants around the nation. President Carter can no longer ignore how utilities are exploiting federal tax subsidies in ways that jeopardize the safety of nuclear plants and the health of workers and the surrounding communities.

We will ask the Senate Finance Committee and House Ways and Means Committee to initiate immediate investigations into this dreadful collision between the federal tax laws and atomic power plant safety.