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Mr. Ronald Borruso  
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Dear Mr. Borruso:

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Your letter of June 21, 1979, to the President was referred to us by the Department of Energy on July 24, 1979.

We appreciate your concern about restarting the operation of Unit No. 1 of the Three Mile Island Nuclear Station. On July 2, 1979, the Nuclear Regulatory Commission issued the following order:

"In view of the variety of issues raised by the accident at the Three Mile Island Unit No. 2 facility, the Commission presently lacks the requisite reasonable assurance that the same licensee's Three Mile Island Unit No. 1 facility, a nuclear power reactor of similar design, can be operated without endangering the health and safety of the public. Accordingly, we direct that the Unit No. 1 facility, presently in a shutdown condition, shall remain shut down until further order of the Commission itself. The Commission has further determined that it is in the public interest that a hearing precede restart of the facility. The Commission will also issue an order within thirty (30) days specifying in detail the basis for its concerns, and the procedures to govern further proceedings in this matter. The licensee may file a written answer to this Order no later than twenty (20) days after the issuance of the detailed Order.

The Commission has found that the public health, safety and interest require that this order be effective immediately.

It is so ORDERED."

You can therefore be assured that Three Mile Island Unit No. 1 will remain shut down until the Commission has determined, after a public hearing, that it can be operated without endangering the public health and safety.

Sincerely,  
Original Signed by  
H. R. Denton

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Mr. Ronald Borruso  
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Etters, PA 17319

Dear Mr. Borruso:

Your recent letter to the President expressing concerns about the safety of nuclear power as a result of the incident at Three Mile Island has been referred to this office for reply.

Inasmuch as these matters are under the cognizance of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, we are referring your letter to them for appropriate action by copy of this letter.

Sincerely,

John P. Thereault, Deputy Director  
Plans and Analysis Division  
Office of Nuclear Energy Programs

cc:

~~L. Gossick, NRC~~

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June 21, 1979

President Carter  
White House  
Pennsylvania Avenue  
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear President Carter,

In August of this year Metropolitan Edison is planning to re-open Unit #1 on Three Mile Island. As a resident of Newberry Township, living only two and one half miles from T. M. I., I ask that you exercise your authority and prevent Unit #1 from re-opening. You appointed the Kemeny Commission to investigate the causes of the accident and report on their findings. Until this report is complete no one should be allowed to even consider re-opening Unit #1, especially Met Ed, who's competence to operate a nuclear plant is questionable at best. If you allow Unit #1 to begin operation prior to your knowing the findings of the commission, then you will have deserted the people who elected you and will be guilty of appointing a commission only to appease the people.

I believe the people in this area have been put through enough. We've been forced to evacuate our homes, we must live with the threat of cancer attacking our children because of T. M. I. and now, to add insult, we may have to witness the re-opening of that nuclear plant operating under the same management and personnel who caused the problems.

I have never written to anyone of high office, especially the President. But, because it directly affects the health of my wife, my children and myself I feel very strongly about this issue, and believe you must keep it closed. I listened to the hearings that Senator Kennedy had and could not believe that President Eisenhower had such a low regard for the American people. Because of those reports I lost much of the confidence I had in the Federal Government. I hope you will make the right decision and help rebuild my confidence.

Sincerely,

*Ronald Borruso*

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