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Note to Mr. Price

SUBJECT: DEFERRING EARLY NOTICE IN THREE MILE ISLAND (METROPOLITAN EDISON COMPANY, JERSEY CENTRAL POWER & LIGHT COMPANY, AND PENNSYLVANIA ELECTRIC COMPANY, APPLICANTS)

My memoranda of March 23 and April 12, 1971, on issuance of early notices of hearing indicated that the Three Mile Island application was among several considered ripe for early notice on the basis of DRL's estimated dates for ACRS meetings. The applicants are in favor of prompt issuance of such a notice. However, DRL has advised us that issuance of the notice should be deferred because the facility is not expected to be ready for fuel-loading before November 1972.

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