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RECD CHAIRMAN

The Honorable Joseph M. Hendrie, Chairman
Nuclear Regulatory Commission
1717 H Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20555

Dear Mr. Hendrie:

Girls Nation, our annual youth training course in the processes of federal government, will be held at The American University from July 14 to 21, 1979.

There, 100 high school juniors will convene as a miniature U.S. Senate. After they have mastered the procedures of the Senate, they will hold Party Conventions, campaigns and an election, and the winning party will form an administration in which there will be an office comparable with yours. We hope for the girl appointed Chairman, Nuclear Regulatory Commission to visit with you on July 20th and she will want to learn its primary functions as well as possible in the limited time available. It's our challenge to help her.

Before we print the official list of counterparts in the Girls Nation Manual, we would like to be certain that we have all names, offices and titles in the correct form. If the inside address of this letter is in any way incorrect, would you please let us know as soon as possible?

As soon as we have the final program, we will ask for an appointment on July 20th with you. Your cooperation in this endeavor will be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

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MRS. EARL BIGALOW
National President

Enclosure: Girls Nation Fact Sheet

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GIRLS STATE AND GIRLS NATION

Girls State, culminated by Girls Nation, is the youth citizenship training program conducted annually by the American Legion Auxiliary to give high school juniors practical experience in the processes of government and thus a clear understanding of their approaching citizenship responsibilities.

GIRLS STATE SESSIONS, sponsored by 51 state and territorial Departments of the American Legion Auxiliary, are held each June or July in State capitals or on centrally located campuses in each of the 50 states and the District of Columbia. There, high school juniors, chosen with the aid of their school principals for qualities of leadership, set up their own miniature city, county and state government and learn to administer them according to the rules and procedures set by actual state and local law. They learn by "doing" it.

From Girls State, two Senators are selected to represent their constituents at GIRLS NATION, sponsored in the Nation's Capital in July by the National Organization of the American Legion Auxiliary.

GIRLS NATION, in its first three days, organizes political parties, the "Nationalists" and the "Federalists", holds national conventions for the nomination of candidates, climaxes campaigns with a "national election" and installs the winners in office.

From this point on, Girls Nation moves in a dual role: As a Senate, which meets to enact legislation, and also as a government administration, complete with elected and appointed officials. Girls Nation then visits the White House and learns firsthand how the federal government functions through briefing sessions on Capitol Hill and at various Government Departments, including those of State and Defense.

The National Association of Secondary School Principals has placed this program on the Advisory List of National Contests and Activities for 1978-1979.

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