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Mr. Ronald L. Ballard, Chief
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U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington, D.C. 20555

Dear Mr. Ballard:

Your attention is invited to the attached copy of letter dated
January 24, 1979, from Mrs. Ann Kenyon Morse to Mr. Cecil Andrus,
Secretary of the Interior.

The proposed siting of a nuclear facility in the proximity of any
of our National Wildlife Refuges is a concern to us. May we have a
report of your siting studies and proposals in the state of Rhode Island?

Sincerely yours,

Regional Director

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Mr. Cecil Andrus, Secretary
Department of Interior
Washington, D. C. 20240

Dear Mr. Andrus:

It has just been brought to my attention that on November 9, 1978 Dr. Philip Cota of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission and a group of persons, including representatives from the New England Power Co., visited an area in southern Rhode Island which is to be included in the New England Power Company application for a nuclear station containing NKP-1 and NKP-2. This area, which is to be considered as an alternate site to the Naval Auxiliary Landing Field in Charlestown, R. I. is to be designated as the Moonstone Beach site, and is adjacent to the Fruston Pond Wildlife Refuge.

I call your attention to the fact that my gift to the Department of Interior of the Fruston Pond Wildlife Refuge was made with the implicit understanding that this would remain an unfettered wildlife area available to the general public. I am therefore appalled by the action of the NRC in even visiting this unique area to assess its value as a possible nuclear plant site. Not only would such a use violate my trust with the Department of Interior, but it would also violate the trust of the public in the Department of Interior's determination to protect conservation areas.

The Fruston Pond Wildlife Refuge, together with the Audubon Society's land adjacent thereto, the Finigret Conservation Area and the proposed FWS Wildlife Refuge on the Naval Air Landing Field will constitute a group of contiguous areas which should be managed to protect their natural state. Clearly, bureaucratic EEC and commercial indifference to the importance of maintaining conservation areas is tantamount to the rape of our limited state resources.

To entertain the thought that a nuclear plant might be sited adjacent to the Fruston Pond Wildlife Refuge on Moonstone Beach within this conservation complex is little short of insanity. I urge that you use the full weight of your position and office to halt my plan for a nuclear plant anywhere within this unique conservation area.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ann Layton Morse

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