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Nuclear Regulatory Commission
1717 H St. NW
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Dear Gentlemen,

The NRC should deny Westinghouse's application for licenses to export a Nuclear reactor to the Phillipines.

Below are listed a few of the most important reasons:

- (a) The Phillipine nuclear power plant is located in an unstable geographic location. The area is one of intense seismic activity and only 10 miles from an active volcano (by NRC standards).
- (b) Three major American establishments are located near the plant. Therefore, according to the Atomic Energy Act it is required that a detailed health and safety analysis be made because of the endangerment of the lives of U.S. citizens and properties. Also at one of these establishments the Subic Naval base U.S. ammunitions and fuel are stored.
- (c) Presently Westinghouse is under an investigation for an alleged bribery of \$35 million of a close associate of dictator Marcos. No licences of any kind should be granted during such an investigation.
- (d) The efficiency of the Westinghouse reactor is highly questionable. Based on its present design and past performance it has more than 50 unresolved generic safety problems.
- (e) The Marcos government has been identified by many human rights organizations as a repressive regime. Financing of the Westinghouse Phillipine reactor by the Import-Export bank would be in violation of the human rights amendment to the Foreign Assistance Act of 1977.
More than 50,000 Phillipinos are risking imprisonment to protest the construction of the plant; many are being harrassed and one, anti-nuclear activist, Ernesto Nazereno, is thought to have been killed by the military.

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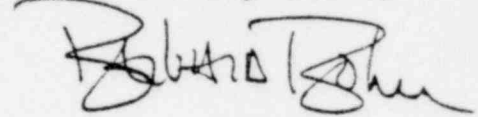
(f) The majority of Phillipinos will not be able to afford electricity. The 1.1 billion for the Phillipines nuclear power plant could be used in other more vital areas of developement. Such as agriculture, land reform and the upgrading of health and education standards.

Therefore, because of all these reasons the NRC should not grant an export license to Westinghouse for the Phillipine nuclear power ~~plant~~. reactor .

Let us not set the stage for a nuclear accident!

I appreciate your very serious consideration in this matter. The decision you make will set a precedent for simular situations in the future.

Sincerely Yours,



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