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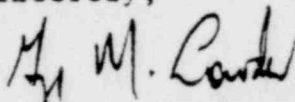
Dear Mr. Ryan:

This will acknowledge receipt of Dr. Stephen N. Salomon's final report, Beyond Defense-In-Depth, and your cover letter of October 18 requesting comments in a timely fashion. Time has allowed this Commission only to make a cursory review of the report. It appears that Dr. Salomon has made a very comprehensive review of those matters that are necessary to protect the public and maintain the viability of commercial nuclear power stations.

The only critical comment which is offered is to suggest that funding be routed through the Nuclear Regulatory Commission and then to the states. Texas has an agency for collecting and disseminating such funds, and I am confident that other states do also. The Division of Occupational Health and Radiation Control within the Texas Department of Health is certainly an appropriate agency for such authority. Also, I am of the firm opinion that each state should support its own emergency response plans, and, therefore, if funds are collected and disseminated within the state without federal involvement, the best efficiency can be obtained.

Thank you for the opportunity of being able to comment on the report. Trusting these comments are helpful.

Sincerely,

  
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