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MEMORANDUM FOR: Nuclear Regulatory Commission

FROM:

Christina L. Rathkopf
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Executive Secretary

SUBJECT:

Correspondence Referral

The attached correspondence has been misdirected to this Department for reply. Inasmuch as it appears to fall within the purview of your agency, we are referring this communication herewith for your reply. We have informed the writer of this action.

Thank you for your attention.

Mrs. Percy C. Rogers
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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

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MEMORANDUM:

The attached letter(s) addressed to the President is referred to your office for suitable acknowledgment or other appropriate handling at the earliest opportunity. Should you receive mail that has been misdirected, please forward to the appropriate agency. I would also appreciate knowing when you are forwarding such mail. My phone number is 456-2717.

Thank you.



Mary Martha Seal
Director
Correspondence Agency Liaison

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Mrs. Percy C. Rogers
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September 22, 1979

Dear Mr. President:

Yesterday there was a 5.6 earthquake in Hawaii.

Earlier this week there was an 8+ earthquake in Italy, with devastating results.

Last April we had two earthquakes here in southeastern N.H., strong enough to move pictures on walls, and sounding like a sonic boom, which they were not.

The Seabrook Nuclear Energy plant is being built squarely on top of the Boston-Ottawa earth fault. Along this fault there were two severe quakes in the 18th century--causing houses to fall and other damage. This may be ascertained by reading the book, The Way It Was In North Hampton, by Mr. and Mrs. Stillman Hobbs, of Hampton, N.H.

The fact that there were two relative mild quakes along this same fault in the past few months tells one that the fault is still active.

I have reported this to all the agencies involved in investigating the safety of this Seabrook site. Nothing has been done to stop the building of this plant. It was voted down in two formal meetings in Seabrook and in ten abutting towns. We KNOW the danger. This is the fastest growing area in population of any region in the country with the single exception of southern California. On any fine weekend there are as many as 250,000 persons on Hampton

Beach and Seabrook Beach which ABUT the Seabrook Reactor site. There is no least possibility of evacuation as there are only two roads, narrow roads, leading from the area. The Public Service Co of N.H. will give us no evacuation routes because they, too, know none is possible.

Public Service Co. of N.H. was given permission to build Seabrook with two conditions: that ~~xxxx~~ site was suitable (!!) and that they could afford to build a safe installation. It is obvious that no site could be worse, and, second, that the Public Service Co. of N.H. is tottering on the verge of bankruptcy in this project. They had counted on continuing to make us power users pay for their wild scheme through CWIP (construction work in progress) but our fine new Gov. Gallen put a stop to that.

Therefore, Mr. President, I ask you to carry out what you said when you were campaigning in N.H. in 1976: that nuclear energy plants should be built only in remote areas and then underground; and that they should never, never be placed in an area where the residents objected to such an installation. We have this on tape, Mr. President, and if you expect to get many votes in N.H. in 1980 I suggest, respectfully, that you put an end at once to this threat to our safety. I live only 3 miles across the marsh from this Seabrook menace, and I don't want my children and grandchildren to be exposed to it.

Yours most hopefully,

William H. Rogers -