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TO: Congressional Liaison  
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ENCLOSURE FROM: John Aristotle Phillips  
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RE: proposed Phillipine Nuclear Plant No. 1

I forward the attached for your consideration and would appreciate receiving information in regard to this inquiry as soon as possible. Please return with the original correspondence.

Thank you very much for your time and assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,

*Bill Bradley*

Bill Bradley  
United States Senator

Please direct reply to:

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Attention: Mary Hutchison

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John Aristotle Phillips,  
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November 20, 1979

Senator Bill Bradley  
315 Russell Senate Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Bradley:

Having examined several reports on the proposed Phillipine Nuclear Plant No. 1 (PNPP-1), for which Westinghouse Electric Corporation has submitted an export license application, I am most concerned about the handling of this matter.

While there are extensive legal and technical questions associated with the reactor, the basic question right now is whether the NRC will deal with health and safety issues relating to this and other foreign reactor sales. Despite evidence that Congress intended the NRC to do reviews of this kind on nuclear plant exports, NRC is questioning whether it has the authority to conduct such a study on the Phillipine reactor.

I ask you not only to inform NRC that they certainly do have congressional authorization to look into these important environmental, health and safety concerns, but to join with other members of Congress in mandating such reviews on all exports of nuclear technology.

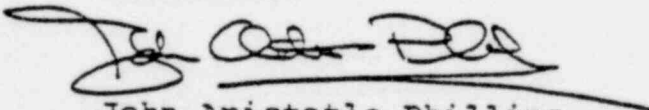
This reactor is of particular concern because of the serious earthquake potential of the site, and the proximity of an active volcano. There have also been allegations that when research was done by the consulting firm Ebasco for Westinghouse, evidence that the site and reactor design are unsafe may have been covered up. I hope you will study all material relating to this reactor, including the IAEA report of September, 1978 and September, 1979, and information available from the Center for Development Policy, intervenors with the NRC on the case.

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In addition, I believe that it should be United States policy not to export nuclear technology without the fullest precautions against harmful results from use of such technology. We live in a world in which what happens in all the farthest reaches of the globe can have immense repercussions for the American people. Even if we did not have a moral responsibility for the dangers entailed as we spread this technology throughout the earth, it is to our own best interests to be vigilant in determining its potential effects in each instance. Those effects must include environmental, health and safety concerns as well as the political and military aspects of nuclear proliferation. If it cannot be done safely, it shouldn't be done.

I trust you will give serious consideration to this important issue.

Sincerely,



John Aristotle Phillips

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