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U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington, D. C. 20555

Dear Sirs:

In the past few weeks, I've been surprised at the very unfavorable accusations in the Wall Street Journal and even in local newspapers, the attached "U.S.GOV'T. FAILURE TO END DEPENDENCE ON FOREIGN OIL" being one (one) of several I've seen, that have come right out and even named The U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission as dragging its feet and of falling victims of those who might be, unknowingly in some cases, against the best interest of our wonderful country. PLEASE, please, please... don't be guilty of what the attached indicates.

Based on what I've read from what I believe to be reliable sources, I am led to understand that nuclear power is a big savings for the customers or people over oil at the present time, and even more so in view of the imposing and continuing increases in the cost of imported oil. I am also led to understand that nuclear plants emit many (about 4 times) times less (LESS) radiation than even burning coal.

Dragging one's feet is very bad in view of the present increasing INFLATION. Every delay by you that is not necessary, is costing all of us billions of dollars. Your responsibility is very heavy.

Since the Three Mile Island Unit No. 1 was not damaged by the Three Mile Island Unit No. 2 accident, please expedite the return of Three Mile Island Unit No. 1 to safe operation as quickly as possible.

Attending as a visitor a meeting of local government managers at which the program was given with slides and remarks by a representative from the Tennessee Valley Authority, I was amazed at the possibilities of nuclear power for the good of our country that are easily possible. Of course, you know this, being in the positions that you are; and it is my belief that you do not be found wanting in your duty.

Very respectfully yours,
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