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The Honorable Peter Tarnoff  
Executive Secretary  
Department of State  
Washington, D.C. 20520

Dear Mr. Tarnoff:

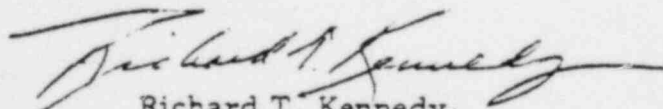
I am writing in reference to State Department telegram 102436 dated April 18, 1980. The approving officer was Mr. R. W. Teare of the EA/PHL.

The telegram was grossly in error and that error should be corrected. I would like to set the record straight by noting that the reason for the postponement of the April 21 NRC meeting on the Philippine export applications was the fact that some Commissioners were not yet ready by that date to release their opinions on the issues involved. I had prepared my opinion and was ready to issue it well before the April 21 date. The postponement was not due in any way to my unavailability as noted in the telegram.

In this connection, I am concerned that Mr. Peterson of the NRC staff was shown as concurring in the substance of this cable. Mr. Peterson assures me that the text of the cable, as he was given to understand it in a telephone conversation, did not contain a reference to my being out of town, and that he did not provide the State Department with that information.

I will appreciate your confirmation that this matter has been looked into carefully, and that the appropriate correction has been made on the record.

Sincerely,

  
Richard T. Kennedy

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