



President's Commission
on the Accident at Three Mile Island
2100 M Street, NW Washington, DC 20037

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Mr. Thomas Rehm
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Dear Mr. Rehm:

As you know, the staff of the President's Commission on the Accident at Three Mile Island is gathering both technical and non-technical information related to the course of and interpretation of the accident.

A matter of considerable interest to us is the great attention in the public news media given to the question of fuel melting, core meltdown and hypothetical consequences of such a development. This attention was given with little regard to the existing situation and probabilities involved. Indeed, given the availability of electric power and operability of primary and emergency pumping systems the dedicated attention to this matter is curious. We wish to clarify the matter to the extent possible.

We request that the NRC prepare and transmit to us the NRC's understanding of this matter, how it developed and why it persisted so long. We understand that some records may not exist, opinions may vary and that to some extent we will depend on the memory of the participants.

We apologize in advance for insisting on a tight schedule. In order for this information to be of greatest use to the President's Commission, we request that it be posted to us not later than the middle of August 1979.

You may assume that Mr. William Stratton is your contact in this matter.

Sincerely,

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