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Mr. Lawrence T. Moore
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Dear Mr. Moore:

Thank you for your thoughtful letter of August 26, 1979 regarding the Three Mile Island accident. We are in agreement with your general theme that assurance of nuclear power plant safety requires the dedicated effort of qualified men both within the government and within the nuclear power industry. Positive actions are being taken within both circles.

For your information, I am enclosing a report (NUREG-0578) prepared by a task force under my direction. Actions are now being taken to implement most of the recommendations in that report. You will be interested to know that several of the recommendations in NUREG-0578 emphasize training of reactor operators, a point which you stressed. Of course, all levels of utility management involved in nuclear plant operations must accept direct responsibility for assuring that operations are carried out safely and must avoid making decisions which stress operations at the expense of safety. This point, which you also stressed, is one which is being emphasized by the Commission.

We are pleased to know that, in spite of the confusion that prevailed during the early part of the accident, the local Red Cross units with which you were involved were able to take positive contingency planning steps. As a consequence of the accident, the Commission is taking steps to assure that emergency actions at all levels will be coordinated, efficient and effective in the future.

Sincerely,

Original signed by
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