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## Gentlemen:

R. A. HAZLIP, PRESIDENT

Your recent decision to freeze construction permits and operating licenses for nuclear power plants is not in the best interests of the general public, relying as it does on abundant and dependable sources of energy.

Even though the nuclear industry still has problems to solve, it represents the greatest new source of energy at the present time. Progress is being made in the disposition of nuclear waste safely and effectively, and this problem might well receive the support of your commission; however, depriving the nation of all nuclear power does not seem to be the answer to the real problem, which is a growing lack of sufficient power from other sources. Safety improvements in nuclear plants should always be a goal, as should safety in all industrial operations; but this need not be realized by closing down the industry entirely.

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