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Secretary of the Commission
U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington, DC 20555

Attention: Docketing & Service Section

Dear Sir:

I think it's time for this country to stop burying its head in the sand and take some positive action in the energy crisis.

To the ordinary citizen, it appears that our Government has allowed the United States to become the pawn of the OPEC cartel and other oil exporting nations. It doesn't seem as though we have attempted to wield our economic or military might effectively enough to persuade countries which resort to oil blackmail that it is not advantageous for them to continue making outrageous price increases.

Worse than that, our country has been faced with this dilemma since 1974, not only have we demonstrated our inability to cope with the situation, but have not demonstrated our ability to forego the oil imports by developing a synthetic fuel. It seems to me that any country which could set a goal of landing a man on the moon in ten years and achieve that goal, should be able to effectively develop a synthetic fuel.

While the United States citizen is fleeced at the gas pumps, the oil companies are wildly profiteering. I think that President Kennedy in the early 1960's had less cause to impose a price rollback upon the steel industry than President Carter would have to do the same thing today. Small wonder that the voting public feels disenfranchised. It seems that it doesn't matter any longer who one votes for, he only gets more spending of his hard earned dollars. The Government continually allows, no encourages, the erosion of the buying power of his dollar. I believe that our Government is and has been politically bankrupt for a number of years and will soon be financially bankrupt.

The practice of never balancing the federal budget is neither sound nor logical. It is like the pyramid gambling program of buying one savings bond and selling ten with the intent of getting ten or more in return. Some day it must end, and the same is true of the United States deficit financing. Our Government must become financially responsible or our economic system is going to collapse like a house built with cards.

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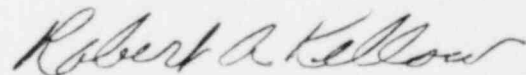
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Another idiotic policy condoned by the federal government is the recent moratorium on licensing of nuclear electrical plants. It reminds one of Nero's policy on the fire in Rome. Energy generated by nuclear fuel has demonstrably saved this country millions of barrels of fuel oil. The cost ratio of low sulfur oil to nuclear fuel is about ten to one. In spite of all of the common sense involved in being able to make a decision beneficial to the public, it seems that the bureaucrats in the NRC feel that it is safer to capitulate to the irrational arguments of a group of anti-American demonstrators, than to encourage industry to build more nuclear plants thereby reducing this country's dependency on ruthless oil barons.

In regard to safety, one should remember that not a single casualty was suffered at Three Mile Island. No deaths or other serious injuries have been caused by the use of nuclear fuel in the past 30-years to either employees of the companies generating electricity with nuclear fuel or to the public. The hysterical fear that has been generated by the demonstrators and the news media amounts almost to paranoia. "The sky is falling. The sky is falling." Has Russia or any of the European countries discontinued use of nuclear energy?

It would seem that rational people would take that 30-year history and compare it to the number of deaths occurring in coal mine accidents over the same period and be able to draw some conclusion from it. I for one, would appreciate it if someone in our Government would be able to come to grips with the serious problems that face our country and develop a real energy policy.

Sincerely yours,



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