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Mr. Jack Poplar  
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Dear Mr. Poplar:

Thank you for your mailgram of April 26, 1979 concerning the accident at Three Mile Island Nuclear Station Unit 2 expressing your views on nuclear power. I apologize for not providing an answer to you sooner, but as you are aware, the Commission and staff have been occupied with continued support of the efforts at Three Mile Island, Orders to other facilities, appearances before the President's Commission and various committees of Congress that are investigating the Three Mile Island accident, and the realignment of our own resources and priorities to give immediate attention to the problems resulting from the accident.

Several NRC staff task forces have been organized to identify and evaluate safety concerns, which originated from the Three Mile Island accident, that merit consideration in the licensing actions for presently operating reactors as well as for those for which operating licenses and construction permits are pending.

The task forces' reviews have disclosed a number of actions in the areas of design and analysis and plant operations that will be required in the short term to provide substantial additional protection of the public health and safety. All nuclear power plants in operation or under construction will be affected to varying degrees by the specific recommendations.

We appreciate your concern and assure you that every effort is being made to ensure the continued protection of the health and safety of the public, not only at the Three Mile Island Nuclear Station, but at all other nuclear power plants as well.

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With regard to the future use of nuclear energy, the former Atomic Energy Commission (AEC) had a Congressional mandate to develop and promote nuclear energy. When the AEC was abolished in 1974, the NRC was created by Congress for the sole purpose of regulating the commercial production of nuclear energy. The U. S. Department of Energy (DOE) is now responsible for the Federal Government's nuclear research and development activities. Consequently, questions about the future of this energy source should be directed to that agency.

Sincerely,

Original Signed by  
H. R. Denton

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OUT OF CONCERN FOR THE HEALTH OF OUR PEOPLE AND THE INTEGRITY OF OUR ENVIRONMENT I CONDEMN THE EXPLORATION OF NUCLEAR FISSION FOR THE CREATION OF WEAPONS IN THE PRODUCTION OF ELECTRICITY, IT CREATES ENORMOUS RISKS AND THERE ARE NO RIGOROUS SAFETY STANDARDS TO CONTAIN THIS POWER GIVEN THE POTENTIAL OF RADIATION FOR DEVISTATION OF LARGE AREA OF THE EARTH FOR LONG SPANS OF TIME AND GIVEN THAT RADIO ACTIVE WASTE PRODUCTS WILL POLLUTE THE EARTH FOR GENERATIONS I CONCLUDE THAT THE LARGE SCALE USE OF NUCLEAR FISSION MUST CEASE I SUPPORT YOUR MOVE THAT ALL BABCOCK AND WILCOX PLANTS BE SHUT DOWN TO SECURE THE SAFETY OF THE AMERICAN PUBLIC I AM ALSO CONCERNED ABOUT A POSSIBLE ACCIDENT OCCURRING ON MAY SECOND AT TMI THIS CONCERNS THE SHUTDOWN OF AN ALTERNATIVE PUMP CAUSING THE WATER TEMPERATURE TO HEAT UP TO EXTREMELY HIGH TEMPATURES YOUR SUPPORT IN THIS MATTER IS URGENTLY NEEDED

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONCERN

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