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Washington, D.C. 20585

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Nuclear Regulatory Commission

FROM:

*Christina L. Rathkopf*  
Christina L. Rathkopf  
Executive Secretary

SUBJECT:

Correspondence Referral

The attached correspondence has been misdirected to this Department for reply. Inasmuch as it appears to fall within the purview of your agency, we are referring this communication herewith for your reply. We have informed the writer of this action.

Thank you for your attention.

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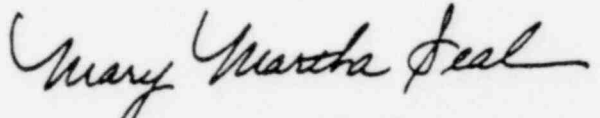
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MEMORANDUM:

The attached letter(s) addressed to the President is referred to your office for suitable acknowledgment or other appropriate handling at the earliest opportunity. Should you receive mail that has been misdirected, please forward to the appropriate agency. I would also appreciate knowing when you are forwarding such mail. My phone number is 456-2717.

Thank you.



Mary Martha Seal  
Director  
Correspondence Agency Liaison

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Dear Mr. President:

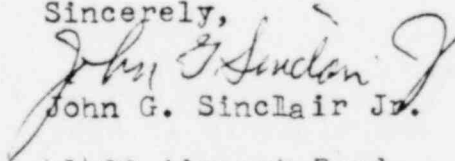
November 6, 1979

As a senior member of IEEE since 1949, I want you to know that not all members of IEEE support the widely distributed statement of the Energy Committee of IEEE, Hilton U Brown, 111 Chairman. This Statement was originally submitted to the House of Representatives Subcommittee on Energy Research and Production, Committee on Science and Technology, at the request of Congressman Mike McCormack.

Briefly, the statement purports to deal objectively with it's subject, "Nuclear Power Plant Safety and Reliability", but it in fact contains one statement which, alone, is sufficient to disqualify the Energy Committee of IEEE as independent scientists. The statement reads, "The public needs help in understanding that all activity involves risks, and that the relative risks associated with nuclear power are acceptably low!" Indeed! Who is in such an all-knowing position that such a statement can be made? And for whom is the risk acceptably low, may I ask?. The potential victims?

Mr. Norman Balabanian, editor of Technology and Society, publication of the Committee on Social Implications of Technology of IEEE disagrees also and has made his thoughts known in vol 7, No27, Sept. 1979 of Technology and Society. I agree also with his criticism of the reports call for "government" funding of R and D for Safety. I feel that we tax payers have done enough, that our money should go for strict supervision and inspection, not underwriting.

Sincerely,



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