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Dear Mr. Arnold:

Subject: Independent study to be conducted by the  
Union of Concerned Scientists

This is to advise you that Governor Thornburgh has established a "Blue Ribbon Panel" to independently evaluate the alternatives for venting the TMI-2 reactor building. It is my understanding that the Governor will use the results of this study in his decision making process as to whether or not he would support the NRC Staff's recommendations to vent the reactor building. The NRC in separate actions met with Robert Pollard, Union of Concerned Scientists, and agreed to furnish the Panel certain information about the plant status and the need to purge the reactor building. I spoke with Mr. Pollard and he identified the information they will need to proceed with their study. In my review of the questions, I found that some of them can best be answered by Met-Ed. I have attached for your review a list of the questions and also a list of the panel members. Following your review, I would like to set up a meeting with representatives of the Panel and your designated representatives. Please advise me as to the earliest possible date you would be able to meet with the "Blue Ribbon Panel".

Sincerely,

Original signed by  
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ENCLOSURE 1

GOVERNOR THORNBURG'S BLUE RIBBON PANEL

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Dr. Henry Kendall )

Mr. Daniel Ford )

These three members would like to  
meet with your representatives.

Dr. Jan Deyea

Mr. Dale Bredenbaugh

Mr. Gregory Minor

Dr. Edward Radford

Dr. Frank Von Hippel

ENCLOSURE 2

List Of Questions From Governor Thornburgh's  
Blue Ribbon Panel To Evaluate The Need  
To Vent TMI-2 Reactor Building

1. Need for access to the specific equipment for maintenance.
2. Hazards of delaying access (potential for gas or water leaks).
3. Status of plant modifications such as the MDHR and SDS systems.
4. Status of existing plant equipment.
5. Copies of preliminary annotated sequence of events dated 3/28 and 3/29 - 4/30.
6. Drawings showing equipment locations in the reactor building and access pathways.
7. Any alternatives that may have been considered, but not written up in Met-Ed's submittals or the Staff's Environmental Assessment.
8. Copies of calculations for radiation doses in the reactor and environmental releases.