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Gentlemen:

As an interested and personally concerned citizen, I have been an avid reader of all the informational articles in newspapers and magazines that I have been able to acquire, as well as a number of books on nuclear power generation. When the Kemeny Commission on the Accident at Three Mile Island opened its public hearings at Middletown, Pa. I attended them. Later I listened to those portions in Washington, D.C. that were carried by our local public radio, and have since read most of the transcripts of the testimony of the numerous involved persons, as well as NRC records available at the State Library. I have indeed been very busy this summer, and it is all too true that the more you know, the less you like!

There are several points that I would like to make in regard to determinations of damages caused by the March 28 1979 accident, one of which is that it is not really over, and will not be for some unknown period of time, when the Unit TWO reactor is finally cleaned up, and hopefully, decommissioned, no easy feat from my studies. Meanwhile residents of the neighboring communities are coping as best they can with their worries and frustrations over loss of value in their real estate, anxiety over the possibility of Met-Ed's possibly being able, by some means, to re-open Unit ONE, worries about

their own and their children's health for now and in the future, with no possible way to know just how much of a radiation dose any given person might have received. To say that the NRC was poorly prepared for a nuclear plant accident is putting it mildly. It seems to me that the fact that so many of the radiation-monitoring devices at TMI went off-scale, were saturated, pinned the meters, or whatever the term used should have immediately been the cause for precautionary evacuation of the immediate area. From the testimony of several federal officials this would indeed have been worthwhile. The levels of radiation doses required for determining the occurrence of a so-called ENO are woefully outdated and inadequate for determining health effects \_\_\_\_\_ since there is no safe level of radiation, and there is no doubt a cumulative effect from the routine emissions of the two plants at TMI. With the NRC acting as judge and jury, and being to a debatable degree responsible for the occurrence on March 28 because of policies governing safety equipment, procedures, and the installation and use of radiation monitoring devices, it's hard for us citizens to accept the apparently foregone conclusion that there was no "Extraordinary Nuclear Occurrence" at Three Mile Island.

As a property-owner on nearby Beech Island, a very pleasant summer cottage built new after the '72 Agnes flood with every opportunity for exposure, all unknowingly, from the start-up testing, routine emissions, and water pollution by TMI I can assure there has been at least \$5000 damage (in value) to our and many other cottages, not to mention the loss of peaceful enjoyment of river activities. There has indeed been grave damage done to Central PA. citizens, in personal health and well-being, in continuing risk to life and property, and in loss of faith in our government agencies, like the NRC.

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