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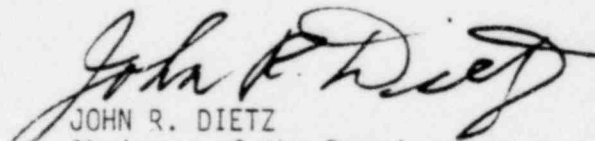
Dr. Bernard J. Snyder, Program Director
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Dear Dr. Snyder:

Thank you for forwarding me a copy of NRC's "Environmental Assessment for Decontamination of the Three Mile Island Unit 2 Reactor Building Atmosphere" (NUREG-0662) and two addenda. I have read this report and the addenda with concerned interest and find that the report only confirms the opinion I have held for some time, and that is that we should proceed with venting the krypton in the damaged unit at Three Mile Island at the earliest possible date. It is incredible to me that such an enlightened society as we have today continues to let that crippled unit lie as it is without proceeding with a clean-up. In the interest of safety for all of us, we should proceed with the first step, that is the venting of the krypton, just as quickly as meteorological conditions permit.

You may be interested to know that at a meeting of the Board of Directors of Gannett Fleming Corddry and Carpenter, Inc., held on May 9, 1980, I asked the other six members of the Board for their opinion on the venting at Three Mile Island. These men are all registered professional engineers but not nuclear engineers. They have, of course, followed the problems at Three Mile Island since the accident. They were unanimous in their opinion that the venting should proceed immediately.

Very truly yours,


JOHN R. DIETZ
Chairman of the Board

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