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The Honorable Richard T. Kennedy
Commissioner
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
1717 H Street, N. W.
Room 1113
Washington, D. C. 20555

Dear Mr. Kennedy:

Energy developments in the year since the Three Mile Island accident have proved that "the greatest risk related to nuclear power is the risk of facing the future without it." This statement, with which I hope you agree, has been substantiated in the attached report of the activities undertaken by the electric power industry during the past 12 months, in response to the Three Mile Island accident.

I am proud to report that the utility industry responded quickly and forcefully to effect changes in equipment and procedures to deal with the problems identified in the analyses of the accident. The report, which I sincerely hope you have an opportunity to read, was compiled by a special Nuclear Oversight Committee, made up of senior executives representing private, public and consumer-owned utilities. A five-page summary is included as a convenient overview.

The excellent safety record of nuclear power, over more than 25 years of experience, remains intact, and the official reports on Three Mile Island--including the report of the Presidential Commission--have pointed out that there was little likelihood of the accident seriously injuring members of the public. Because of the broader and more serious energy problems the country is facing, we believe it is urgent that our nation recognize both the safety and the need for nuclear power and again move ahead to assure the availability of energy from nuclear plants to meet the needs of the American public.

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I trust this report conveys the massive industry effort since Three Mile Island to make nuclear plants even safer in the future, and the growing need for expediting our development of nuclear power.

On behalf of the electric industry, let me pledge our cooperation with efforts to make our country less dependent on imported energy.

Sincerely,

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Three Mile Island Ad Hoc
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