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Honorable Thomas Indler Ashley
House of Representatives

Dear Mr. Ashley:

Thank you for your letter of January 22, 1971, which enclosed several letters from your constituents commenting on the proposed Davis-Besse Nuclear Power Station. A contested hearing is presently in progress to consider whether an AEC construction permit should be issued to the Toledo Edison Company and the Cleveland Electric Illuminating Company for this plant.

I am sure you will appreciate that, because of the Commissioners' role in the AEC adjudicatory process, it would be improper for me to comment here on matters which are still at issue in the Davis-Besse proceeding. The AEC regulatory staff can, however, state its position on these matters and I have asked the Director of Regulation to write you in this regard.

Sincerely,

(Signed) Vivan T. Seaborg

Chairman

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