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Honorable Robert Taft, Jr.
House of Representatives

Dear Mr. Taft:

I am pleased to respond to your December 16, 1970 request for information in connection with a resolution passed by the Council of the City of Euclid expressing opposition to the proposed Davis-Besse Nuclear Power Station at Port Clinton, Ohio.

The Cleveland Electric Illuminating Company and the Toledo Edison Company submitted an application to the Atomic Energy Commission for a permit to construct the Davis-Besse plant on August 1, 1969, and the AEC regulatory staff has completed its evaluation of the application. An independent review was made by the AEC Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards. Both the regulatory staff and the ACPS concluded that the plant could be built and operated without endangering the health and safety of the public. The AEC program for the licensing and regulation of nuclear power plants is described in the enclosed booklet, "Licensing of Power Reactors," and the related booklet, "Atomic Power Safety."

A public hearing before a three-man atomic safety and licensing board to consider whether a construction permit should be issued for the proposed Davis-Besse plant is now in progress at Port Clinton, Ohio. The hearing was recessed on Friday, January 29, and is scheduled to reconvene within a week. Copies of the resolution by the Council of the City of Euclid and this reply are being sent to the board members, the parties to the proceeding, and to the AEC's Public Document Room in Washington, D. C.

I am enclosing, for the information of the City Council, a copy of the regulatory staff's safety evaluation of the proposed Davis-Besse plant and a copy of our Detailed Statement of the Environmental Considerations, which was prepared in connection with our responsibilities under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969.

If we can be of any further assistance, please let me know.

Sincerely,

Original Signed by Chris L. Henderson Original Signed by Chris L. Henderson

Harold L. Price
Director of Regulation

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2. "Atomic Power Safety"
3. Safety Evaluation - Davis-Besse
4. Detailed Statement of the Environmental Considerations
5. Ltr fm R. U. Dawson dtd 12/9/70

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Protection of the public health and safety is the primary concern of the AEC's regulatory program. Our program for accomplishing this is described in the enclosed booklet, "Licensing of Power Reactors" and a related pamphlet, "Atomic Power Safety."

I also am enclosing a copy of "Nuclear Power and the Environment" which describes some AEC and utility programs concerned with research on the effects of releases of radioactivity and heated water from nuclear power plants.

Finally, you may find helpful the enclosed Notice of Public Hearing, Detailed Statement of the Environmental Considerations and our Safety Evaluation of the proposed Davis-Besse plant.

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