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Mrs. Sue Tehanick
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Dear Mrs. Tehanick:

Your recent letter to the President has been brought to the attention of the Atomic Energy Commission for consideration and reply.

In response to a number of inquiries on the Davis-Besse Nuclear Power Station, we have prepared a summary which describes the proceedings concerned with the licensing of the plant, and the controls that the AEC will have over the plant during its lifetime. I am enclosing a copy of the summary for your information.

In connection with your concern about statements by Dr. Sternglass, I am enclosing for your information a copy of a paper by Drs. A. K. Davis and Bernd Rehn of the Environmental Protection Agency entitled "A Critical Review of 'Infant Mortality and Nuclear Power Generation' by E. J. Sternglass."

I am also enclosing a copy of AEC Chairman Seaborg's remarks before the National Press Club on March 22, 1971.

Sincerely,

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For information: GM _____ Commissioners _____ DR _____

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Julius H. Rubin
For the Chairman

OFFICE OF THE CHAIRMAN

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Julius H. Rubin
For the Chairman

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January 27, 1971

President Richard Nixon
The White House
Washington, D.C.

Dear President Nixon:

I was very upset to read in the newspapers that two members of the three-man hearing board, that is considering the application to build the Davis Besse Nuclear Power Plant in Port Clinton, Ohio, will be asked to disqualify themselves because of a conflict of interest. It was stated that Charles E. Winters, Vice President of Union Carbide Corporation, and Walter Jordan of the Atomic Energy Commission's Oak Ridge National Laboratory have a conflict of interest because they have vested interests in atomic energy and atomic fuels. Three days later, I read that Mr. Jordan wrote, in the May 1970 issue of Physics Today, that despite hazards involved, nuclear power plants should be built.

How can these men reach a fair decision?

Why would such expert witnesses--Nobel Prize winners, Dr. Linus Pauling and Dr. Joshua Lederberg, AEC's Dr. John Gofman, Dr. Ernest Sternglass, Dr. Charles Fuver, and Dr. Benjamin Sonnenblick--testify against the construction and operation of this atomic plant unless it was dangerous?

How is it possible for Toledo Edison and Cleveland Electric Illuminating to build the foundation for this plant, have water intake pipes installed, the ground leveled, and express a desire to continue construction of this atomic plant, before the application to build has been approved?

How can a federal wildlife refuge be exchanged with privately owned property--so that a building can be erected on former federal land by privately owned business?

Dr. Sternglass testified that the infant death rate increases within a 40 mile radius of these nuclear plants. According to a publication entitled, "The Genetic Effects of Radiation" issued by the AEC, "There is no safe amount of radiation in so far as genetic effects are concerned. However small the quantity absorbed, mankind must be prepared to pay the price." There will be a possible 400 more birth defects in Ohio alone each year. What if one of those 400 would be your grandchild? How is it possible for our government--local, state or federal--to allow more nuclear plants to be built when there is such danger involved for infants? There's more concern for oil-covered birds than there is for our own future generations!

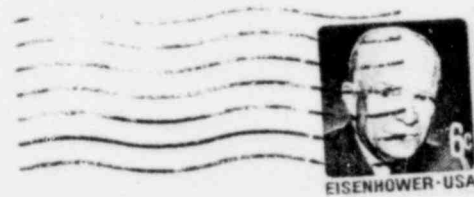
Why, why, why is there so much injustice? I am very concerned--and look to you, Mr. President, for help.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Sue Tekancic

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President Richard M. Nixon
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