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Representative Goodling  
Sir,

The N.R.C., acting for the federal government, by licensing Met-Ed to operate Three Mile Island is implicitly liable along with Met-Ed. Having seen the involvement between government and the utilities - just one example being that the N.R.C. accepted without question, by Mr. Collins own admission, Met-Ed's cost estimates of alternate methods for disposing of the krypton gas. The collusion between government and the utilities is so obvious that I am personally horrified, and my life will never be the same.

Last year at this time, I felt that the federal government should not help with the clean-up at Three Mile Island. Today I believe that at least part of the liability should be accepted by the federal government, but with a very clear understanding that each utility from now on shall be responsible for health costs, clean-up costs and

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evacuation costs incurred by a nuclear accident.  
The Price-Anderson Act is not worthy of a word  
condemned it, and should be repealed.

For a year, we have been beset by all the  
problems related to and caused by the nuclear  
accident; these in addition to the personal  
and financial problems that all Americans  
are experiencing. It is a burden that has  
become unbearable. This stress has many  
manifestations for all of us. My husband  
has had skin rashes for a year. He has  
never before had these unexplained  
problems. He has seen a dermatologist.  
The false claims about our safety, our  
needs and our economic condition make  
me physically ill. We did not sign a  
release permitting Met-Ed or the N.R.C.  
to perform in a way which is detrimental  
to us or to our family. The federal govern-  
ment by permitting this is clearly liable.

Early in February, when there were  
radioactive releases from Three Mile Island,  
I had my four-month-old grandson with me.  
The day was sunny and pleasant, and I was  
going to walk outside with him, as I had  
with my other grandchildren, but something  
deep inside caused me to hesitate, and

stayed inside. The next day I heard about the  
leak, and I wondered if some of our age-old  
instincts are acting for the senses we cannot trust  
& the government we cannot trust. I feel certain  
if you've heard from more women than from  
me on this subject, and that is just another  
sample of the instinctive fear that women have  
of anything that will harm children particularly  
it may not prevail, but, be assured, we are  
right.

We know that nuclear power cannot be made  
safe, and the waste cannot be stored safely.  
Cornell University is using a new method to burn  
the highest sulfur coal cleanly and efficiently.  
The process is not only efficient, but eliminates the  
need for scrubbers. Exxon, Gulf, Ashland Oil and  
Chemicals of Allentown are all  
working on "direct liquefaction" methods with  
oil. The liquid product can be cleaned of ash  
and sulfur.

It is absolutely inconceivable to me that  
reasonable people would persist in supporting  
nuclear power, when a malfunction or accident  
- any other type of power generation would  
at least find us one year later with the plant  
still unrepaired and our condition worse  
than on the day the accident occurred.

Sincerely yours,  
Helen M. Hooper  
(Mrs. Charles)