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Captain Robert Hayhurst  
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Gentlemen:

This is to confirm our phone conversation last week, regarding U.S. Air Flight No. 170 on January 24, 1980 from Pittsburgh to Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, of which, I understand, you were in command.

As I explained, an NRC hearing was held in Harrisburg on February 25, 1980 concerning the Three Mile Island Nuclear Station, Unit 2, in particular, regarding aircraft crash probabilities. At this hearing, the intervenors presented a witness, Dr. Judith Johnerud, who testified about her experience on the above flight, stating that on the approach into Harrisburg International Airport, the plane flew directly over the Three Mile Island Unit 2 facility. Her visual impression of this over flight was confirmed, she asserted, by the pilot, with whom she spoke after the plane arrived in Harrisburg. A copy of her testimony on this point is enclosed for your information.

Of concern to the NRC Staff is (1) whether inquiry was made of you as stated on lines 11-12 of page 608 of the enclosed transcript and (2) whether, if fact, you did fly directly over the nuclear power plant during the above landing.

Your prompt reply to the above is requested. In responding, please be as direct and complete as you believe necessary to assure a fair understanding of this alleged occurrence.

Should you have any further questions regarding my request, please contact me at (301) 492-8658.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure

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1 MR. CHANDLER: Having made that objection, Mr.  
2 Chairman, I'm willing to proceed.

3 Thank you, Mr. Chandler. That  
4 saves the Board some time.

5 DIRECT EXAMINATION

6 BY DR. KEFFORD:

7 Q Dr. Johnsrud, could you describe your trip into  
8 Harrisburg International Airport?

9 A Yes. I have a very short statement:

10 On January 24th I returned from Pittsburgh to  
11 Harrisburg --

12 Q That's 1980.

13 A 1980, yes. January 24th, a month ago yesterday.

14 Q Would you pull the microphone a little closer to  
15 you, please.

16 THE WITNESS: Surely. Dr. Buck, is this better?

17 DR. BUCK: Pull the, the, your left-hand micro-  
18 phone up towards -- that's the one. That's it. Thank you.

19 THE WITNESS: On January 24th, 1980, I flew from  
20 Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, to Harrisburg on U.S. Air flight 170,  
21 scheduled to leave Pittsburg at 110, delayed due to mechanical  
22 difficulties and apparently snow on the field as well, for  
23 approximately an hour and a half.

24 The flight coming into Harrisburg International  
25 Airport along a path akin to those that have been described

1 and sketched on the U.S. Geological Survey Topographic sheet  
2 earlier today.

3 Having a certain familiarity with the topography  
4 and an expectation of seeing Three Mile Island, I was of  
5 course looking for it, sitting on the left side of the plane,  
6 such as to be able to view it. And to my amazement, saw the  
7 north end of the island, the bridge, but the reactor  
8 apparently was directly below me.

9 I was extremely surprised in view of my knowledge  
10 of the transcript of the previous Hearings here. And there-  
11 fore, as I deplaned, I asked the pilot if he had flown  
12 directly over Three Mile Island, Unit 2; and his response was,  
13 "Yes, I thought I would give you all your daily dose of  
14 radiation," at which point I got off the plane, very much  
15 surprised, and inquired of a flight crew member, "This was a  
16 DC-9?"

17 And that in essence is what I have to say, this  
18 being a flight subsequent to the accident. U.S. Air, accord-  
19 ing to the pilot, as well as to my -- the best of my observ-  
20 tion, directly over the reactor.

21 BY DR. KEPFORD:

22 Q When the pilot remarked to you that he thought he  
23 gave you your "daily dose of radiation," is it possible that  
24 he might have been facetious or sarcastic?

25 A At the time I would have thought so. Subsequent

1 information concerning continuing releases of krypton gas  
2 would cause me to wonder if he was serious.

3 MR. CHANDLER: Mr. Chairman, I object.

4 (Pause.)

5 MR. CHANDLER: I made an objection. This is not an  
6 opportunity to deliver speeches or to speculate on matters  
7 that Dr. Johnsrud may wish to deliver.

8 CHAIRMAN ROSENTHAL: Yes, I think that objection is  
9 well taken. Let's just confine ourselves to the, to the facts.

10 DR. KEPFORD: Mr. Chairman, does that mean  
11 the entire question and answer? -- have been objected to? Or  
12 some particular part? Or what?

13 CHAIRMAN ROSENTHAL: Well, I think --

14 MR. CHANDLER: Both, Mr. Chairman. The  
15 question calls for conjecture on the part of the witness as  
16 to the state of mind of the pilot when the statement was made.  
17 The response was not responsive in the sense that it involved  
18 a speech on matters extraneous to matters before this Board.

19 The objection goes to both.

20 CHAIRMAN ROSENTHAL: I think we'll allow to stand  
21 only the statement which Dr. Johnsrud made, that she asked  
22 the pilot the question she posed to the pilot, and the response  
23 she'd gotten from him.

24 DR. KEPFORD: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

25 CHAIRMAN ROSENTHAL: Any further questions?