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Honorable John Ahearne
Chairman
Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington, D.C. 20555

Dear Mr. ~~Chairman~~:

As part of his response to the recommendations of the Kemeny Commission on December 7, 1979, the President asked the NRC to evaluate the need for a Federal presence in the control room of operating reactors. Such a presence might be provided by observers or continual computer monitoring of vital plant parameters. The President's concern for this matter, as with all other nuclear safety related matters, remains very high.

In keeping with his request, I would appreciate it if you would provide me with a report on the full time monitoring of vital plant operations. In this report, would you specify the resource requirements of such a plan and a schedule for its implementation. Please also provide a review of a range of alternative plans for insuring continued Federal presence in the control room.

Your cooperation in this matter is appreciated.

Sincerely,

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