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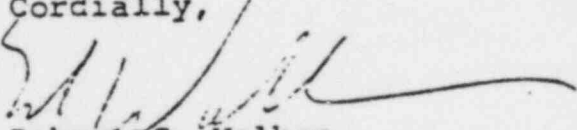
Mr. Frank Moore  
Assistant to the President  
for Congressional Liaison  
The White House  
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue  
Washington, D.C. 20500

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Dear Mr. Moore:

Attached is a copy of a letter to the President from  
the Lebanon County (PA) Commissioners who are my  
constituents.

They focus on a very serious irony of the aftermath  
of the Three Mile Island accident on many of my  
constituents. I commend this letter to your attention  
and would hope that the views it contains could play  
a role in future policy deliberations on nuclear issues  
as well as issues pertaining to my region of our country.

Cordially,  
  
Robert S. Walker

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Attachment

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April 8, 1980

The Honorable James E. Carter  
President of the United States  
White House  
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW  
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear President Carter:

It is ironic that on the first anniversary of the Three Mile Island incident, we, the customers of the Metropolitan Edison Company, living within the twenty-five mile radius, received electric power bills reflecting a fifty percent (50%) increase in cost over and above prior monthly and previous yearly bills even though our consumption of kilowatt hours decreased substantially.

When we questioned Met-Ed Officials concerning this increase, they explained the rise in costs were due to Met-Ed's having to purchase energy from other power utility companies because of the shut down of Three Mile Island Unit I and Unit II. Thus, it appears our citizens are paying other power companies for premium energy and thereby reducing the power companies' cost of energy, but drastically increasing the cost to the victims of Three Mile Island. In this circuitous fashion, the victims are forced to pay for the damages which resulted from T.M.I.

Lebanon Countians have been affected psychologically, physically and financially. We believe that our cost of energy as well as the cost of clean-up, should be shared by those who benefited from the T.M.I. accident experience: namely, power companies throughout the United States.

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After meeting jointly with Lebanon City Officials, we found that they too are concerned about the safety and well being of City residents, as well as the dramatic increase of energy costs and that they concur with this action.

We urge you to take our proposal under consideration and trust in you to make the right decision.

Thank you.

Sincerely yours,

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Thomas A. Behney, Chairman

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Harry W. Fisher

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Edward Arnold  
Lebanon County Commissioners

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cc: Senator Schweiker  
Senator Heinz  
Congressman Walker  
Congressman Ertel

TO: Stu Eizenstat

\_\_\_\_\_ Draft reply for:

- \_\_\_\_\_ President's signature
- \_\_\_\_\_ Frank Moore's signature
- \_\_\_\_\_ Undersigned's signature

(PLEASE RETURN ORIGINAL INCOMING LETTER, ALONG WITH DRAFT TO UNDERSIGNED)

X \_\_\_\_\_ Direct reply to:

- X \_\_\_\_\_ Congressperson
- \_\_\_\_\_ Constituent, with copy to Congressperson
- X \_\_\_\_\_ Furnish information copy to C.L.

\_\_\_\_\_ Memorandum for use as enclosure to reply

\_\_\_\_\_ Suitable Acknowledgement or other appropriate handling

\_\_\_\_\_ For your information

\_\_\_\_\_ For comment

REMARKS:

Original letter came to the President from the Lebanon County, PA, Commissioners.

SUBJECT:

TMI - and nuclear power policy

FROM

EILEEN SHEEHAN *ES*

Congressional Liaison

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