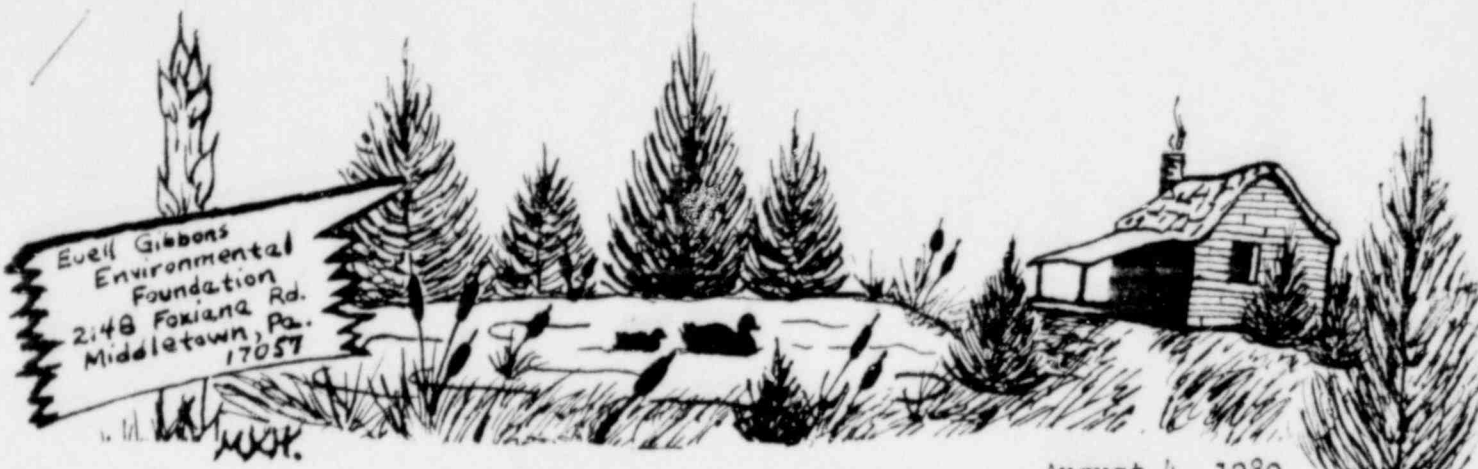


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August 4, 1980

Mr. Ronald L. Ballard, Chief
 Environmental Engineering Branch
 Division of Engineering
 United States Nuclear Regulatory Commission
 Washington, D.C. 20555

Dear Mr. Ballard,
 Your letter of July 25, 1980 has been received personally by myself and I feel that a reply is in order to verify my position.

As my proposal pointed clearly and plainly, I suspect that there would be no "damage" to local biota pre se. Gross or massive mutants in local flora is not what I have found. False color infra-red photography is very good at localizing such massive amounts of mutants. What I have found is new varieties of plants that are listed within our state as being extremely rare or never before recorded. I being a degreed botanist felt it necessary to examine these plants more closely, not from aerial photography.

As a result of your decision, my findings will not be made known until a private investigation has been completed. I am at liberty to publish your letter in the local newspaper and broadcast your disapproval of our findings.

You have my sincere feelings and truth when I state that I have found several unique varieties of plants within the one-mile radius of Three Mile Island. These plants are not damaged. They are alive and most viable. However, they are most unique in color and structure. Damage of this type cannot be recorded by a machine. I am sorry that you have decided not to be a part of this very controversial investigation. Inadvertantly it will be proven that your studies and ongoing monitoring program do not detect "damage".

Thank you very much for your letter and concern.

Respectfully submitting,
Thomas Archart
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