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Gentlemen:

I am writing in reference to the radiation leak at Three-Mile Island and the physical effects on the human body. I reside in Lancaster City, approximately twenty (20) miles from Three-Mile Island.

In March of 1980, my son contracted a virus in his blood system and was hospitalized. The virus was diagnosed as low-grade strep. He has since recovered. On April 24, 1980, my wife was hospitalized and an unknown virus in the blood system has been diagnosed. The white cell count in her blood system has been extremely low. Within the past two weeks, a 21 year-old man died from unknown causes. The autopsy stated a low-grade virus was the reason of death. In discussing my wife's illness with others, I am discovering several individuals who have contracted similar illness. (symptoms are hyper-ventilate; nausea; anxiety; pain in chest; feeling faint, etc.)

Since the illness does affect the blood system in a similar way as does radiation exposure, I would like to know if there is any remote relationship between this type of illness and the Three-Mile Island (or Peach Bottom) radiation leak.

I will be anxiously awaiting your reply.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Robert R. Finger".

Robert R. Finger
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