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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION
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Mr. Lowell Gettys
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Dear Mr. Gettys:

Your telegram to President Carter about the health effects of radiation from the Three Mile Island nuclear station was referred to me for response.

A team of investigators from the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, the Environmental Protection Agency, and the Department of Health, Education and Welfare calculated the doses to the people living within 50 miles of the Three Mile Island site and estimated the number of new cancers that would result from the exposure to the radioactivity that leaked out of the plant. The team reported their work in a report entitled, "Population Dose and Health Impact of the Accident at the Three Mile Island Nuclear Station" (NUREG-0558). They concluded that the offsite collective dose associated with radioactive material released from March 28, 1979, to April 7, 1979, represents minimal risks (that is, a very small number of additional health effects to the offsite population). Enclosed for your information is the summary of NUREG-0558.

I appreciate your concerns and assure you that every effort is being made to ensure the continued protection of the health and safety of the public, not only at Three Mile Island, but also at all nuclear power plants.

Sincerely,
Bernard J. Snyder
Bernard J. Snyder, Program Director
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Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation

Enclosure: Summary of NUREG-0558

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