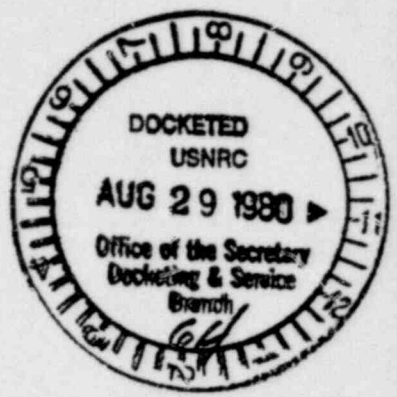


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ATTENTION DOCKETING AND SERVICE BRANCH

Gentlemen:

I understand that you are considering adding remote siting criteria to the current licensing requirements. I believe that Three Mile Island-2 (TMI-2) has shown that beyond a doubt reactors are safe as designed and that even with human judgemental error, the China Syndrome is indeed a myth.

You gentlemen know that the probabilistic risk to society caused by nuclear plants is indeed much lower than society accepts from the rest of our industrial complex. Consequently I maintain that TMI-2 along with subsequent action taken within the nuclear power industry has demonstrated the safety of nuclear power and not the hazards. The engineered safeguards have been generally well demonstrated in over 400 reactor operating years of experience.

Lastly, even if you don't share completely my ideas on the safety of nuclear power, I hope you are considering the societal consequence of importing the \$90 billion worth of oil. This financial impact on our society (jobs, balance of payments, inflation, etc.), dwarfs the negative, if any, societal impact of our current nuclear power program.

Your consideration of these issues in future rule making will be appreciated.

Sincerely,

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