11971 Brook Glen Drive Saratoga, CA 95070 November 25, 1980

Mr. John F. Ahearne Chairman Commissioner U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission 1717 H Street, N.W. Washington, D.C. 20555

Subject: TMI-1 Start-up

Reference: Docket 50-289SP

TMI - Unit 1 Middletown, PA

Dear Mr. Ahearne:

It has come to my attention that the NRC has finally initiated proceedings to consider restarting Three Mile Island 1. This letter is to present my thoughts on the subject and to enlist your aid in expediting this process to the maximum extent possible. Here, then, are the reasons why TMI-1 should be allowed to resume operation.

- The NRC mandated changes to enhance safety further have been implemented. The operations personnel have the greatest incentive to disprove all of the charges and innuendos which have been made since April of 1979. The plant will be run safely!
- 2. The ratepayers of Metropolitan Edison deserve to have their government organizations look out for their economic wellbeing with the same dedication as has been applied to the health and safety issue. The continued importation of highpriced power to make up for TMI-1 should be discontinued as quickly as possible.
- 3. Needless to say, the nuclear generation of TMI-1 will assist the country's energy program by displacing the oil being burned to provide the gower now being imported.

The NRC (along with others in government and industry) has investigated the TMI-2 incident with meticulous attention and thoroughness. The "lessons learned" have been identified, broadcast for national consideration and placed in use by industry. The NRC should now devote its energies to the start-up of TMI-1 with particular attention to the elimination of spurious delaying tactics.

Very truly yours,

cc: Sen. Alan Cranston Sen. SI Hayakawa

Rep. NY Mineta