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Att James F. Ahearne Chairman US Nuclear Regulatory Commission 1717 H Street NW Washington, DC 20555

Dear Mr. Ahearne,

I think it is perfectly ridiculous to prevent the use of the Three Mile Island Unit  $\ddagger$  1. At a time when we should be importing as little oil as mecessary all government agencies are putting roadblocks in the path of any and all other forms of energy. <u>TMI 1</u> was not affected by the problem of <u>TMI 2</u> and therefore there is no reason to prevent it present use.

While I'M on the subject I feel nuclear energy should be pushed and the US should build as many plants as we can. It is the best form of energy available today and is also the cheapest. European nations will be thumbing their noses at us downstream for our stupidity of the past ten years. They are way ahead of us in nuclear use.

I am an engineer and sincerely feel that nuclear power is safe and by all means we should use it extensively.

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Sincerely yours,

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