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Dr. Harold Denton
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Washington, D.C.
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My dear sir:

A group of concerned citizens of the area have asked us to find out from your office the answer to a few very important concerns we currently find that we have.

Today's issue of the Los Angeles Times reveals that the Nuclear Fuel Routes that were disclosed by the United States government bring some of this highly radioactive material quite close to Needles, California.

I pointed out in the early 1970's to you personally my concern for nuclear materials security in remote areas.

I demand to know, under the freedom of information act, what precautions you are taking to provide this security on such shipments. I also would like to know what controls are being taken to assure that safe speeds are being maintained by shippers. I doubt that any are from mere observation of the speeding of truckers east and west and north and south through our region. I also doubt that the highway patrol nor Sheriff's office has adequate manpower to assure that such speeds are controlled at all.

I wonder if you are personally aware of the tight congestion that exists on the whole of Route 95 from Ellythe to Needles?

I frankly have gotten to wonder since the "3 mile Island" incident if you people have much awareness of anything. But perhaps we will be fortunate in the not too distant future in changing some of the leadership in Washington, D.C.

I will be anxiously awaiting your reply prior to my unleashing a series of editorials through the California press that might embarrass your organization.

Sincerely concerned,

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