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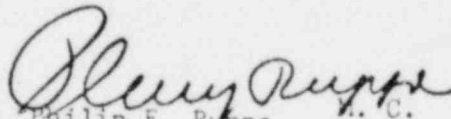
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To: U.S. Atomic Energy Commission  
(Germantown, Md.)  
Washington, D.C. 20545  
Attn: Office of Congressional Liaison

Sir:

The attached communication  
is sent for your consideration.  
Please investigate the statements  
contained therein and forward me  
the necessary information for re-  
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spondence with your answer.

Yours truly,

  
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Congressmen Phil Ruppe  
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Washington, D.C. 20515

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Dear Congressman Ruppe:

I am writing in regard to the experimentation of the Atomic Energy Commission with plutonium at the nearby Big Rock nuclear plant.

I read today in The Detroit Free Press of this experiment, and to put it bluntly, it terrifies me. Many expert scientists are very much against it. Some of their comments were: "...raising danger possibilities by a factor of 100, that's how dangerous plutonium is." Of the use of plutonium "has very far reaching and dangerous implications." Also cited in the article was a case of the radiation level being 150 times greater than normal at Big Rock in December of last year.

It is now expert opinion that all emergency cooling systems have serious flaws, and the AEC has ordered Big Rock to redesign its system. If a malfunction were to occur with the plutonium, it would cause a nuclear explosion that would shower the area for miles around the plant with radioactive dust, of which a piece no bigger than a grain of pollen causes cancer and leukemia.

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To an area which depends so much on its tourist trade and such, this causes a big problem. Would you bring your family up here, when a disaster like this could occur? Or think about the year round residents who have to live with this possibility night and day?

I ask you to try to do something about this experimentation that could lead to the loss of thousands of lives, and the loss of many thousands of dollars in property.

Sincerely yours,  
Thomas Syzek

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