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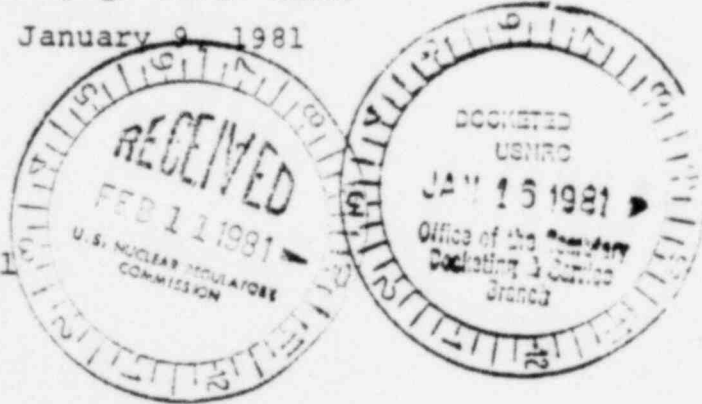
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Dear Helene,

Thank you for coming to see me concerning some of the issues of interest to the Taos Action for Survival Council.

The State of New Mexico Environmental Improvement Division is responsible for monitoring the areas of former uranium exploratory drill sites, and I have contacted it on your behalf and I have asked the Director, Thomas Baca, to write to you directly about it. I hope you will be able to work together on it.

I do not know whether the Mining Law of 1872 will be taken up in this Congress, but if it is, I will keep your views in mind.

I have contacted the Environmental Protection Agency concerning Anaconda drilling in the Copper Hill area, and I will be back in touch with you after I hear from them.

I am against the land basing mode for the MX missile. I don't believe that it will ultimately be placed anywhere, specifically I do not believe it will be in New Mexico as the Force has never intended to place it here. They had to study New Mexico, however, because they had to study all alternatives. I am inclined to think that the missiles will be placed on submarines.

I have contacted the Nuclear Regulatory Commission concerning its plans to recycle nuclear waste, smelt it, and sell it on the open market, and I will be back in touch with you on this.

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