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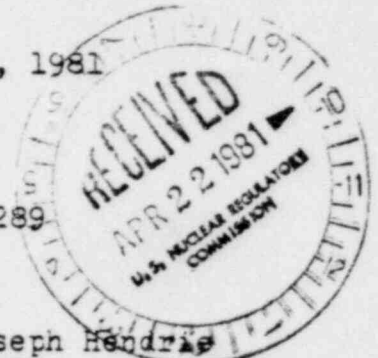
Coalition for Nuclear Power Postponement

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Gentlemen:

In a letter dated December 5th, 1978, Dr. Joseph Hendrie wrote to Dr. James Schlesinger former head of DOE as follows:

" The Commission would not continue licensing reactors if it did not have reasonable confidence that the waste can and will in due course be disposed of safely. Thus, the Commission has itself linked continued licensing and waste disposal. The Commission is committed to reassessing its basis for confidence as new data are developed and progress is made in the Federal program."

The Commission has in fact continued licensing with no new data and no evidence of progress concerning waste disposal. On the contrary, compacted on-site storage and AFR's with its new problems and dangers are the only "solutions" under consideration at this time.

We consider the licensing of TMI-1 as the ultimate irresponsible action by this Commission which can only result in creating a climate of frustration leading to actions displayed by citizens of France, Spain and Germany.

The result of the referendum on Nov 4 in the State of Washington, the defeat of Rep. McCormack and Dixie Lee Ray should be a clear signal that the people have had enough. The American people are a patient, passive and believing people the licensing of TMI-1 may well be the "straw which broke the camels back".

We strongly urge you to keep it closed.

Sincerely

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cc: Dr. Joseph Hendrie
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