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UNITED STATES NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION WASHINGTON D. C. 20555

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The Honorable William Coyne United States House of Representatives Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congressman Coyne:

Thank you for your letter dated April 14, 1981 on benalf of Ms. Cary Lund of Pittsburgh who expresses concern about the export of a Westinghouse reactor to the Philippines.

An application for a license to export the Philippines reactor was filed with the Commission on November 18, 1976. Following a favorable recommendation from the Department of State, the Nuclear Regulatory Commission issued the export license to Westinghouse on May 6, 1980. In so doing, the Commission determined by a vote of 3 to 2 that its consideration of health, safety, and environmental impacts was properly confined to those that affect the territory of the United States or the global commons.

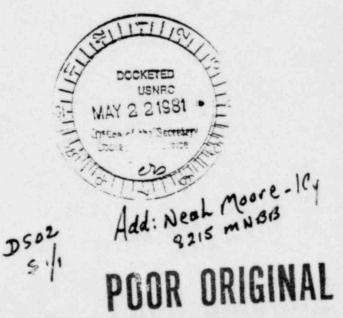
The Commission's May 6, 1980 order was recently upheld by the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia. I am enclosing for Ms. Lund's information a copy of the Court's decision dated March 30, 1981.

Sincerely,

Cariton Kammerer, Director

Office of Congressional Affairs

Enclosure: As stated



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Mr. Joseph Hendrie Chairman Nuclear Regulatory Commission 1717 H Street, N.W. Washington, D.C. 20555

Dear Mr. Hendrie:

I recently received a letter from Ms. Cary Lund of Pittsburgh about Westinghouse Corporation and its efforts to obtain an export license to build a nuclear facility in the Phillipines.

Enclosed please find a copy of her correspondence. Ms. Lund looks forward to hearing from you.

Your assistance in this matter is appreciated.

Best Regards,

William J. Coyne Member of Congress



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Concerned Mothers of Pittsburgh 7128 Meade St. Pittsburgh, PA 15208 April 6, 1981

Gordon Hurlburt President/Nuclear Division Westinghouse Building Executive Offices Gateway Center Pittsburgh, PA 15219

Dear Mr. Hurlburt:

I am writing for my group to express our concern about your company's proposed export of a nuclear facility to the Phillipines. It is my understanding that the proposed site of this facility is likely to be on the slope of Mt.Natib in the Bataam Peninsula. Both the Internation Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) and the Phillippine Atomic Energy Commission (PAEC) are on record as considering the eruption of Mt. Natib to be, in their words, "a credible event", and that it is possible also that an earthquake in the area could be very likely more than your plant is designed to withstand. An accident or disaster causing an explosion at the plant would release highly poisonous gases which prevailing winds would carry to densely populated Manila. This horrendous event could also affect the populace of two U.S. Bases in the area, as has shown a study by the Center for Development.

Despite these hazards, it is our understanding that the US State Department has recommended that the Nuclear Regulatory Commission grant an export license to you for the plant.

I also understand that your corporation has also strengthened its committment to alternative energy sources, and that your support in that area could hasten the day when their availability at affordable rates on a mass basis to the public becomes a reality. It seems to us that you are at a crossroads. Will you continue the dangers of nuclear contagion to what is your world too? Or will you join forces, be a leader of, progressive, safe, humane research so as to lessen the dangers to our fragile ecosystem, and make it a safer world for all of the children?

I pray for the latter.



Sincerely yours,

Cary Lund

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