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UNITED STATES  
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20555

February 7, 1990

The Honorable Edward J. Markey  
United States House of Representatives  
Washington, D. C. 20515

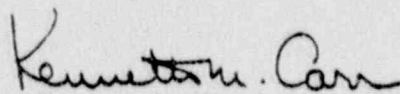
Dear Congressman Markey:

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Commissioner Remick did not participate in the preparation of this response.

Sincerely,

  
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The Honorable Edward M. Kennedy  
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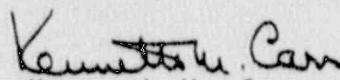
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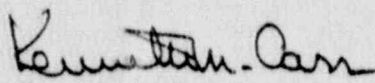
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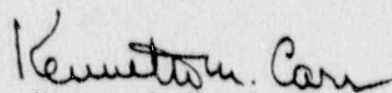
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January 8, 1990

The Honorable Kenneth M. Carr  
Chairman  
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission  
Washington, D.C. 20555

Dear Chairman Carr:

In February of 1987 members of the Massachusetts Congressional Delegation first expressed their interest in and asked the Nuclear Regulatory Commission to order an independent investigation of safety issues related to Seabrook Station as raised and presented by the Employees Legal Project.

In response, then Chairman of the Commission, Lando W. Zech, Jr., without specifically addressing the alleged concerns nor the apparent breakdown in quality assurance in the Seabrook plant's design and construction, concluded the said concerns were unsubstantiated.

Consequently, the Employees Legal Project contracted with the Quality Technology Company and its vice-president, W. Scott Schum, a respected professional and highly regarded expert in the field, as well as a former NRC investigator, to review and further investigate those unanswered safety questions concerning the plant and its operation.

Enclosed is the Quality Technology Company's report which details safety concerns regarding the Seabrook nuclear power plant, including new matters recently brought to its attention by individuals associated with the plant. It is the result of an independent investigation of issues raised by Seabrook employees and of available documents regarding those concerns.

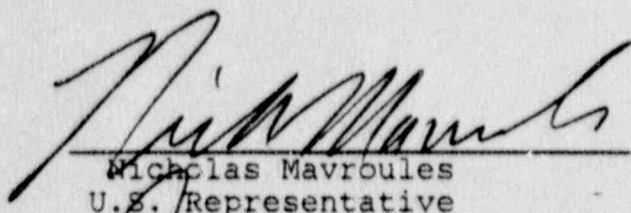
We are convinced the investigation demonstrates that there still remain unanswered substantive questions regarding Seabrook Station's safety.

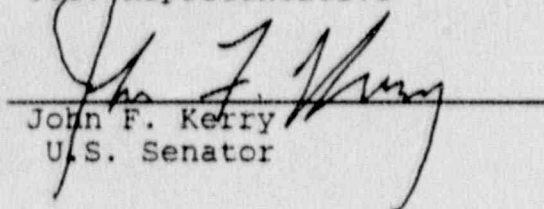
Therefore, in order to ensure the plant's safe operation and to both help restore the public's confidence in the Nuclear Regulatory Commission's licensing process and its regulation of the plant, we the undersigned do hereby request that the NRC withhold its decision on the licensing of Seabrook Station until a comprehensive

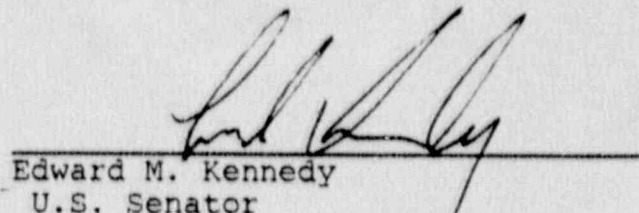
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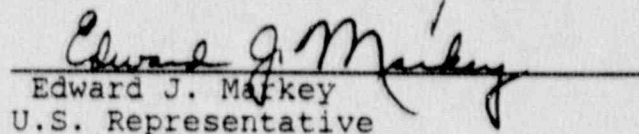
independent investigation of the troubled plant, one ordered by the Commission itself, is completed.

Sincerely,

  
Nicholas Mavroules  
U.S. Representative

  
John F. Kerry  
U.S. Senator

  
Edward M. Kennedy  
U.S. Senator

  
Edward J. Markey  
U.S. Representative