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Gentlemen:

I am referring to Docket 50-289 of, Three Mile Island, Unit 1. Why have you stopped the usage of this source of electric power when it is so needed?

TMI - 1 is not the same as TMI - 2 which had the accident. It has been changed according to the Nuclear Regulatory Commission specifications, and now is idle while similar plants using the same equipment are, and have been operating in other parts of the country. A poll indicates that 58% of the local residents think that TMI - 1 should be in operation.

Free TMI - 1! You have kept it idle for 671 days! That is longer than the 444 days our hostages were kept by the Iranians. I am not talking about just 52 people, but close to 170,000 stock holders of General Public Utilities who have lost income. More than 50% of these stockholders are retired and were using the dividends to help them meet the inflated cost of living.

Free TMI - 1 now!! Not the fall of 1981 or spring of 1982.

Yours very truly,

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