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June 11, 1982

The Honorable Nunzio Palladino  
Chairman, Nuclear Regulatory Commission  
Washington, D.C. 20555

Dear Chairman Palladino:

Dr. Karl Z. Morgan, a man called the father of health physics and a man who has supported the development of nuclear power, has recently gone on the record as opposing the development of breeder reactors. He has said that the enormous health and safety hazards posed by such reactors does not approach justifying their minimal benefits, especially in light of their massive economic costs. Dr. Morgan has specifically denounced the Clinch River Breeder Reactor project as extremely dangerous.

It is disheartening to me to learn that political pressures have been brought to bear in an attempt to rejuvenate what should be a moribund issue. While, as the lawyers say, reasonable minds can differ, it appears to me that any person with a sense of moral responsibility to the future generations of the United States and who can objectively back away from the limited and short term political advantages of a few hundred jobs, should be able to say no to the overwhelming potential destruction that a breeder reactor can visit upon our future. At the minimum, the Nuclear Regulatory Commission should be willing to permit additional citizen comment on those aspects of the Clinch River Project which have significantly changed or been affected by subsequent events and which are not reflected in the 1977 Final Environmental Impact Statement.

While I am sure that the pressure brought against the Nuclear Regulatory Commission by President Reagan and Senator Baker is intense, I am asking that the Commission please do its job. This is still, I hope and pray, a country by and for the people. I understand that the issues are extremely technical, but an aroused citizenry will educate itself and respond to the issues affecting it if only it has the opportunity to do so. It is only through collusion and a "conspiracy of experts" that the public interest will not be met.

I am therefore formally requesting that the Nuclear Regulatory Commission prepare and issue a draft supplement to the Final Environmental Impact Statement for the Clinch River Breeder Reactor project, and that the Commission solicit comments on that supplement. I am asking on my own behalf and on behalf of organizations of which I am a member:

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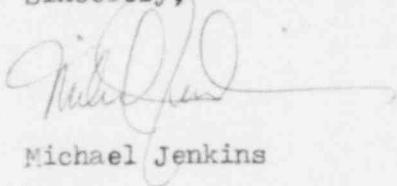
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when completed, please circulate the draft supplement to the above three addresses for comment.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael Jenkins".

Michael Jenkins