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December 21, 1993

Gentlemen:

Enclosed you will find a copy of my letter dated February 6, 1992 to Louisiana Life Magazine. It expresses my support for the Claiborne Enrichment Center. After receiving the government's Draft Environmental Impact Statement on the Claiborne Enrichment Center, I strongly recommend the authorization of their license at the earliest possible date.

Sincerely,

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February 6, 1992

Ms. Maria Ward McIntosh
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Dear Ms. McIntosh:

I have just learned that your magazine representatives have recently made a visit to Claiborne Parish to do a story on the planned uranium enrichment facility. I served as Mayor of Homer from June 1, 1970 until December 31, 1990.

My personal opinion is that the State of Louisiana and Claiborne Parish are very fortunate to have this facility locate here. The assets so far out weigh the liabilities that I cannot see how any opposition at all could be raised. Realistically, if you think that someone had to crucify the good Lord, then I guess some people will always be against almost anything.

The opponents state that they want the plant to be safe. I agree with them, but the Claiborne Enrichment Center has demonstrated beyond a shadow of a doubt that not only will they meet the regulations imposed by the local, state and federal agencies, but will far exceed them. I think that all industries should be made to adhere to those rules and regulations that will make and keep our environment safe; but please tell me why the rules and regulations in Homer and Claiborne Parish should be any different than any other place in the nation?

I know for sure that the Claiborne Enrichment Center plans to employ a large majority of their employees from the local region. That very point was raised by our parish wide industrial members, and was one of the reasons our site was selected. We have so many people out of work in our parish! There is no way you could measure the tremendous impact this new facility will have on our local economy. It will greatly improve the standard of living for a large number of our citizens, which in turn will help eliminate many of our social problems. Please consider the many, many advantages this new plant will have on our local area, our state, and our nation. It will be the only one in the United States to use the gas centrifuge process to enrich natural uranium. The government has two plants, that use a different process, which are outdated and a tremendous cost to the people of our nation. By comparison you have an outdated

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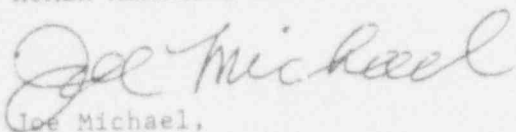
process used by the federal government, which is not under N.R.C. controls and pays absolutely no taxes; or a private business using new technology which meets and exceeds all safety requirements and pays taxes. It is easy to understand why an extra large majority of our people in Claiborne Parish support this wonderful new industry. Their voices are not heard like those of the opposition. The possibility of expansion of this facility in the future is unlimited, making the future of Claiborne Parish and the State of Louisiana look bright.

I would like for you to know that your magazine is presently in my home. I am proud to display it to let my friends know what a positive influence it projects for our wonderful state.

Keep up the good work and continue to promote our state as you have done in the past.

Sincerely,

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