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The Honorable Howard Metzenbaum
 United States Senate
 Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Metzenbaum:

This is in response to your inquiry dated April 20, 1981, forwarding a letter from Mr. A. M. Beroset, a resident of Cincinnati, Ohio. In his letter, Mr. Beroset expressed concerns and requested action regarding allegations by Mr. Thomas Applegate of criminal activity and safety defects at the Zimmer Nuclear Power Station as set forth in a newspaper article which he enclosed.

A comprehensive investigation by the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) is currently in progress at the Zimmer construction site concerning all former and new allegations presented by Mr. Applegate. In this respect, the NRC's Region III Office in Chicago, Illinois, is maintaining contact with Mr. Applegate to insure that all his contentions of possible questionable activities, mismanagement and unsafe conditions are thoroughly investigated. To date, approximately ten NRC investigators and inspectors have been assigned to this investigation which commenced on January 12, 1981.

Additionally, as a result of Mr. Applegate's assertions, the NRC's Office of Inspector and Auditor has conducted an inquiry into the adequacy of the original investigation performed by the NRC concerning the initial Applegate allegations.

Please be assured that the NRC is making every effort to resolve all the issues raised by Mr. Applegate pertaining to existing practices and conditions at the Zimmer Nuclear Power Station.

I have requested our Region III Office to provide you with a copy of its investigation report when it is available.

Sincerely,

(Signed) T. A. Rehm
for William J. Dircks
 Executive Director for Operations

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