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The Honorable Howard Metzenbaum
 United States Senate
 Washington, DC 20510

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Dear Senator Metzenbaum:

This is in response to your inquiry dated February 24, 1981, forwarding a letter from Physicians for Social Responsibility of Cincinnati, Ohio. The letter discusses allegations by Mr. Thomas Applegate of possible construction problems at the Zimmer Nuclear Power Station.

A thorough investigation of the allegations supplied by Mr. Applegate is underway at the Zimmer construction site. This investigation covers the new allegations provided in the Government Accountability Project document. The NRC's Region III Office in Chicago has also met with Mr. Applegate and a GAP representative to determine any additional concerns they have about the Zimmer construction. Thus far, about ten NRC investigators and inspectors have been involved in the investigation, which began January 12, 1981.

In addition, the NRC's Office of Inspector and Auditor has conducted an inquiry into the original investigation conducted by the NRC of the Applegate allegations.

I can assure you that the NRC shares the concern of you and the Physicians for Social Responsibility that any questions involving the adequacy of the Zimmer construction be carefully reviewed and answered.

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

Sincerely,

(Signed) T. A. Rehn

for William J. Dircks
 Executive Director for Operations

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