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Low's Carter, as chairman
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Gentlemen,

My wife & I live within 5 miles of Buchanan.
My daughters, son-in-law & grandson live within 15 miles
of Indian Point.

To date, like many others, I have felt that the
government would not permit a truly hazardous
condition to exist in a location so phenomenally prox-
imate to the vast population concentrated around the
facility. On each of the several incidents at the plant
we have been assured that the leakage was "within
permissible range" or posed no hazard. Yet it became
necessary to promulgate a plan for evacuating those
in the area in case of a severe breakdown.

I was shocked on receiving the proposed plan. In
fact I felt it was so ridiculous that it could not
be seriously considered. Now I find that indeed,
with a band-aid here & there it is being seriously
contemplated. This simply cannot be! The prospect
of a mass movement of the entire population at one time
over the narrow roads which are all that are avail-
able is preposterous. Now, a single accident, the delay
of a traffic light during rush hour such as at
the intersection of Chappqua Road & Route 9A or

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the junction of Bear Mountain Parkway + 9A results in a substantial back up of up to 50 cars. This + the confusion of people trying to reach their loved ones before starting any exodus, the absence of adequate warnings, no real plan which would work to move children, the incapacitated, those in hospitals, those at work with the only family car etc, etc is the outline for a night more not a "plan" for effective protection of in-vehicle people. The proposed plan is defective in toto + more to the point - no plan can be devised which in any real sense can move such a dense population in any time sequence which makes for any real measure of safety.

There is one plan only which will provide safety. SHUT THE DAM DOWN NOW!
I am not impressed with the argument that the costs of shutdown must be weighed against the risks of continuing the plant. I am ready to pay the price of shutdown, if necessary, for I cannot place a monetary value on my life + the lives of my family, my friends + neighbors.

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Copies of this letter are being sent to my congressman, my Senators + the Westchester Board of Legislators.