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## United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510-1902

January 28, 1994

Mr. Dennis Rathbun  
Office of Congressional Affairs  
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission  
Mailstop 17 A 3  
Washington, DC 20555-1160

Dear Mr. Rathbun:

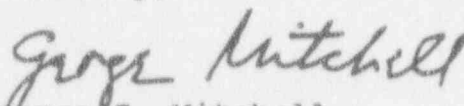
I wish to bring to your attention the enclosed letter which I have received from Mr. Zenon A. Belair of P. O. Box 323, Litchfield, Maine 04350.

I would like to express my interest in this case and would ask that you provide Mr. Belair with the information he is requesting on the nuclear power plant at McMurdo Sound, Antarctica.

Your prompt attention will be greatly appreciated.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely,

  
George J. Mitchell

Enclosure

Please reply to:  
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Zenon A. Belair  
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January 13, 1994

Senator George J. Mitchell  
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Senator Mitchell:

I am a veteran of the U.S. military service during the time period of March 17, 1966 to November 14, 1969 with an honorable discharge. I had one tour of duty in Vietnam and as a winter-over personnel at McMurdo Sound Antarctica.

February of 1992, I was diagnosed as having squamous cell carcinoma of perineum and anus. Since that period of time, I have underwent laser operations, radiation treatments, chemo-therapy, and numerous blood transfusions. The doctors at this time, feel that they have this deadly disease in remission.

During the on-going struggle, I have been very inquisitive on what may have caused the cancer. I questioned the doctors to their fullest so I could comprehend. The most common response that I received was that it was caused by the radiation due to sun rays. I then expanded my questioning to the cancer society and medical dictionaries. My findings were enlightening. I then went to the veterans administration and told them what I had. The American Legion then started the proceedings to try to acquire a service related compensation for my disease, due to the peculiarity of what the cause was and the locality of the cancer.

Enclosed you will find a transcript of the hearing and also their decision. As far as, the Maine Veterans Administration is concerned this is now a dead issue. My next step is to bring this to Washington.

The reason that I am writing to you on this issued and pursuing as far as I can as a citizen is because McMurdo Sound Antarctica was the sight of one of the first nuclear power plants built by the United States if not the first. The sight was clear in 59-60 and construction started later. That particular plant was not build like we know a power plant to be built, such as Wiscasset or Seabrook.

I do believe, in my mind, that there was radiation leakage at that plant causing my cancer. I was going to try to obtain some information from the Nuclear Regulatory Commission on the statistics of that plant, but as a common citizen I do believe that I will be able to acquire such data.

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I was wondering, with your expertise on these matters that you could answer my doubts so I can put this matter to rest or pursue it to it's fullest. I served my country voluntarily and with pride, I feel that at least I can receive a straight answer for the little time that I served.

I would like to thank you ahead of time for your time and energy that you took on this matter.

Sincerely,

*Zenon A. Belair*

Zenon A. Belair

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