



CHAIRMAN

UNITED STATES
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20555

May 23, 1994

The Honorable Edward M. Kennedy
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

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