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Honorable Nunzio J. Palladino  
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Dear Mr. Chairman:

Thank you for your letter of May 26 and the attached "Marble Hill Summary". The summary was very useful to me, and I have begun to collect comments on it. I may be back in touch with you on specifics of the summary at a later time.

In her capacity as Chairman of the Energy Policy Committee, Indiana Sassafras Audubon Society, Mrs. David G. Frey of Bloomington, Indiana, has followed events at Marble Hill closely and has corresponded with me frequently. Mrs. Frey has expressed repeatedly her concern about the recent safety-related problems at the site. In her June 16 letter to me, Mrs. Frey states, among other things, that "a public hearing is warranted prior to resumption of safety-related electrical construction at Marble Hill. We...believe that with the credibility of PSI, the NRC, and the electrical contractor in question...Marble Hill's electrical construction and the remedial work associated with it should be appraised by a group of electrical engineers independent of the Marble Hill community (PSI-NRC), with their report an essential part of the hearing. Verification of the establishment of an effective QC-QA program by PSI should also be part of the hearing and a prerequisite to continued construction of Marble Hill." Mrs. Frey then asks for my help "in securing a public hearing before an NRC Licensing Board (ASLB)."

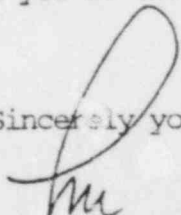
I know Mrs. Frey to be a responsible, knowledgeable critic of Marble Hill. I respect her opinions and listen carefully to her counsel. Consequently, I would like to have your answers to the following questions:

Is it possible to have an independent appraisal and a public hearing of the kind Mrs. Frey recommends? If so, how do we go about setting up the appraisal and the hearing? If not, what are the impediments?

I look forward to hearing from you at the earliest opportunity.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,



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