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Open Letter to Nunzio Palladino, Chairman, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory
Commission from New York State Assemblyman George Hochbrueckner,
Long Island

May 22, 1984

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Nunzio Palladino, Chairman
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
1717 H Street, NW
Washington, D.C. 20555

Dear Mr. Palladino:

I am a New York State Assemblyman who represents 117,000 people,
most of whom live within 10 miles of the Long Island Lighting
Company (LILCO) Shoreham nuclear power plant.

I attended the May 17, 1984, hearing of the Congressional Subcom-
mittee on Energy and the Environment, regarding the licensing pro-
cedure at the Shoreham plant, and I listened very carefully to your
testimony and that of others. Based on that hearing and your testi-
mony indicating the manner in which you attempted to expedite the
Shoreham licensing hearings in an unprecedented way, I hereby re-
quest that you disqualify yourself from any further activity in the
decision-making process concerning the Shoreham plant.

The basic reason that I am making this request is my belief that
we in government must use our power and position appropriately and
must always avoid any action which could be perceived to be im-
proper. It would be inappropriate for me to judge whether your
Shoreham-related actions occurred due to your concern as an adminis-
trator trying to expedite the licensing process or as a regulator
who appears to be predisposed toward licensing of Shoreham. Only
you know the real answer. Based on the recent sequence of events,
however, the perception of people on Long Island, regardless of
their position on opening Shoreham, is that you have already
concluded that Shoreham must be activated as quickly as possible.

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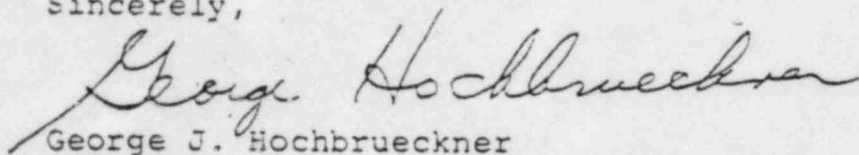
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Certainly we all agree that justice delayed is justice denied, but justice without due process is also justice denied. Your unprecedented action to expedite the Shoreham licensing process without consulting your NRC colleagues has placed your credentials as an objective and unbiased regulator in very serious doubt.

In order to maintain the integrity of the NRC for future decisions it must make regarding other nuclear plants, it is absolutely essential that you withdraw from any further decision-making relating to the Shoreham licensing process.

Thank you for your consideration. I anxiously await your response.

Sincerely,



George J. Hochbrueckner
Member of the Assembly

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U.S. NRC Commissioners
U.S. Senators Moynihan and D'Amato
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