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On June 12, 1984, I had the following telephone conversation with Mr. Claude A. Davis of Danville, Va., who represented himself as a stockholder in a number of nuclear utilities, including GPU (TMI-1), Public Service of New Hampshire (Seabrook) and Long Island Lighting Company (Shoreham). Mr. Davis expressed concern about the delays in licensing TMI-1 given that, in his view, GPU had hired the top nuclear engineers in the country, the steam generators had been repaired, and the management integrity issue had been corrected. I explained to him the status of those issues. He asked if a decision would be made in June 1984. I said it now appeared unlikely since the Commission agreed to extend the comment period on the ASLAB decision regarding management and training into July. Mr. Davis asked if Mr. Mondale's comments regarding never allowing TMI-1 to restart was influencing the decision. I said, to my knowledge, it has had no affect.

Mr. Davis expressed the view that NRC was bankrupting the nuclear industry, putting this country in a competitive disadvantage with countries like France, Germany and maybe China that have successful nuclear programs. He mentioned Seabrook as an example. I responded that it was not obvious NRC was the culprit on that case. He asked why Shoreham was not licensed. I explained there were two significant outstanding issues--emergency planning (wherein the County has not developed a plan as required) and diesel generators (the regulations require a reliable on-site source of emergency power and those at Shoreham have suspected deficiencies that might require corrective actions).

Mr. Davis asked that I pass on one message to Commissioner Asselstine: "Please don't let Mondale scare you. Act on your own knowledge of the facts and with your own courage."

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