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Dear Mr. Chairman:

Your responses to my March 28, 1984 and April 12, 1984 letters fail to address the issues that I have raised or respond substantively to my requests and questions.

Your responses appear to revise history and delete the actual chronology of events in order to suit your own needs. Judge Cotter appointed a new licensing board for Shoreham and suggested that it expedite the hearing process only after a meeting with you in which he apparently heard you make exactly those suggestions. To insist that such determinations were "his own" is to ignore the obvious issue of propriety and to contribute to the appearance of impropriety. I believe that any appearance of impropriety must be scrupulously avoided and request, in order to further this goal, that you supply the Subcommittee with a more complete explanation that resolves all known facts.

In your April 23, 1984 letter, you state that you did not propose that the Commission adopt an order that would expedite the Shoreham licensing hearings. But why then did you circulate such an order on April 4, 1984, and, at whose request was that order drafted? I cannot answer these questions because you and your staff have refused to provide the documents necessary for me to make an independent evaluation that I have previously requested.

I hope and expect that my request for certain documents will be fulfilled upon receipt of this letter. Additionally, I request that the Subcommittee be provided immediately with a copy of the transcript from yesterday's closed Commission meeting on the Shoreham proceeding.

Sincerely,

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