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Mr. Carlton C. Kammerer
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Dear Mr. Kammerer:

As the Representative for the 21st District of Ohio, which includes the City of Cleveland, I am writing to you on behalf of a number of my constituents.

Meetings between the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) and the Cleveland Electric Illuminating Company, concerning the Perry Nuclear Power plant have not been as open as my constituents feel they should be, in order for residents to be fully informed about the impact that the power plant would have on their communities.

As I understand the matter, transcripts of hearings held on the Perry Nuclear Power plant are available in the document room of the Perry Public Library. I also understand that when the NRC deems a meeting to be of "direct public interest," the meeting is then held in a public auditorium with a public transcriber. Of concern to me, and to my constituents, is what determines whether meetings between such bodies as the NRC and CEI are deemed to be of "direct public interest" and are, therefore, transcribed.

My inquiry has been prompted by an incident on June 19, 1984, when Mr. Donald L. Schlemmer attempted to tape a meeting between the NRC and CEI concerning the Perry Nuclear Power plant. As indicated in the enclosed letter, a copy of which I received from Mr. Schlemmer, NRC staff appear to be in disagreement concerning when it is permissible for tapes or other recordings to be made by the public of meetings or hearings. This has caused both confusion and misgivings on the part of those whose lives and communities will be affected by the outcome of these meetings.

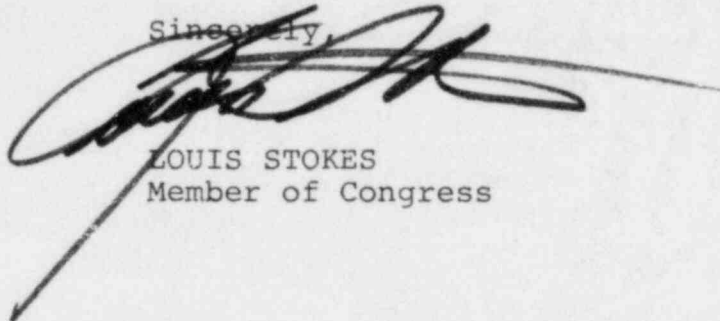
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To clear up this confusion, I would very much appreciate your articulating for me and for my constituents (a) the circumstances under which hearings or meetings are transcribed by NRC, (b) the circumstances under which tapes or other recordings by the public are permitted to be made, either of hearings or meetings, and (c) the legal and other substantive bases for each of these contingencies.

I will very much look forward to your reply. In advance, thank you for the consideration you give to this important matter.

Sincerely,

A large, stylized handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Louis Stokes', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

LOUIS STOKES
Member of Congress

Enclosure