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The Honorable John Minnich, Chairman
County Commissioners of Dauphin County
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Dear Chairman Minnich:

This responds to your letter of August 7, 1984 in which you urged the Commission to vote promptly to deny the restart of Three Mile Island Unit 1 (TMI-1). You emphasized that in a non-binding referendum, local residents voted against restart. You also expressed concern about the management competence of General Public Utilities Nuclear (GPUN).

The Commission has made a concerted effort to hear the views of the public on whether TMI-1 should be permitted to restart. Several local citizens and organizations participated as parties in the restart proceeding, and more than a thousand others made oral presentations or submitted written comments to the Atomic Safety and Licensing Board presiding over the restart hearing. In part through your efforts, the Commission also heard a wide range of public views at a meeting held in Harrisburg in November, 1982. The Commission intends to address the concerns raised by the public in reaching a decision on restart.

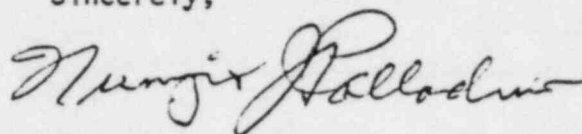
As you are aware, the Commission has devoted a substantial amount of time reviewing the material relating to management competence and integrity of GPUN. The Licensing Board developed an extensive record on management issues and this has been extensively supplemented with material such as numerous investigative reports prepared by our Office of Investigations. On September 11, 1984 the Commission issued an order (enclosed) taking review of the Appeal Board's decisions to reopen the record on certain issues relating to management competence. The Commission indicated that it would make the decision whether the record should be reopened on management issues and, if so, what the scope of further hearings should be. The Commission also stated that it had decided not to rule on whether to lift the immediate effectiveness of the 1979 shutdown orders until after it has decided on what further evidentiary hearings, if any, are required in the restart proceeding. You can rest assured that the management competence and integrity of GPUN is being considered in detail in the Commission's deliberations.

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Thank you for bringing your concerns on this important matter to my attention.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Nunzio J. Palladino". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Nunzio J. Palladino

Enclosure:
As stated