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SUBJECT: CONCERNED ABOUT LILCO SHOREHAM NUCLEAR  
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President Ronald Reagan  
The White House  
Washington D.C.

Dear President Reagan:

As a man, as a father, as a citizen and a publisher with a responsibility to over 600,000 Eastern Long Island residents, I am writing to you. I am writing as a supporter of Ronald Reagan, who has used the influence of his newspapers to promote your candidacy and to support your endeavors to turn America around and to rebuild its credibility with its people.

Here on Eastern Long Island, a 160 mile sandbar, one of the greatest places in the world to live, there are 2.5 million people. We are basically a suburban area and growing rapidly. In our midst is the nearly completed Long Island Lighting Company Shoreham Nuclear Power Plant which your administration is being accused of trying to activate before all safety issues have been decided and a workable evacuation plan has been developed.

Questions on the safety of this plant arose originally out of the anti-nuclear movement. Most of the community shrugged this off as emotionalism without foundation or basis. As the stories filtered back, some unquestionably fiction, others unquestionably fact, about mismanagement, slip shod and deliberate construction defects and errors, our apathy turned to interest. We were assured by LILCO that the plant was being built safe. The Atomic Regulatory Commission would never allow a system to go on line unless it was safe.

Three Mile Island heightened all our fears while at the same time, the credibility of LILCO faltered as their apparent mismanagement became a matter of public record. This mismanagement was even the subject of a grand jury report on their involvement in the Bokum-Ridge Resource Recovery Operation which, in effect, was an indictment of the New York State Legislature and the Public Service Commission, the other agency we had depended upon to bluntly put it, protect our asses.



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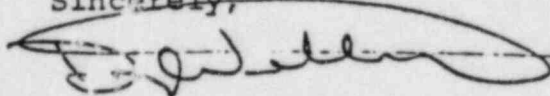
Our last hope is the Nuclear Regulatory Agency. Now they seemingly, with your direction and authorization, are short cutting the hearing process, white washing our concerns and input. They have changed the hearings from Long Island to Maryland. They are short cutting the proceedings by refusing to allow oral testimony, intervener questioning and announced today that they will allow the plant to be loaded before licensing has been completed or, more important, a workable evacuation plan has been developed.

Long Island is an island just 15 miles wide. An accident at Shoreham will cut off 100,000 people from any hope of evacuating effectively, rendering them to the mercy of nuclear poisoning. These people are the readers of my newspapers which I have implored to trust Ronald Reagan, to have faith in our government and our system of democracy. They are worried, they're frightened, they are looking for the government to act responsibly and to protect them. They are looking to you, Mr. President, their only hope.

I implore you as a man, as a father and as a publisher to personally intervene in this matter, calling a halt to the loading of this plant, even of low levels until all the questions regarding the safety of the system are resolved and that it can be demonstrated that evacuation can be affected without the sacrifice of 100,000 good, hard working Americans who have an inalienable right to live. We all understand, as ratepayers, we will have to pay the cost of this fisaco whether it goes on line or not.

May we, your Suffo'.. County constitutents hear from you immediately?

Sincerely,



David J. Willmott  
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