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Dear Mr. Cochran:

Your letter of January 7, 1985, regarding the Aamodts' study of cancer mortalities in two areas near Three Mile Island, has been referred to me for reply.

The Aamodts on January 15, 1985 requested the Commission to reconsider its decision denying the Aamodts' motion requesting a study of health effects around Three Mile Island. The Aamodts also requested that the TMI-1 restart proceeding be reopened to consider these health issues.

The Commission is presently considering what action to take concerning the Aamodts' January 15 motion. To the extent that motion requests that the record be reopened, it is a matter in an adjudication and must be decided on the basis of the pleadings by the parties.

However, the Commission also has the authority to institute such a study as a matter separate from the restart proceeding. The Commission will consider your comments in this context.

Sincerely,

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General Counsel