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April 6, 1983

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Honorable Nunzio J. Palladino  
Chairman  
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission  
1717 H Street, N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20555

Dear Mr. Chairman:

As I expressed in my March 7, 1983 letter to you, the Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations of the Interior and Insular Affairs Committee is planning to hold a series of hearings on emergency preparedness. The series will consist of three field hearings and one wrap-up hearing in Washington, D.C., in the coming months.

I would very much like you and your fellow Commissioners to attend the first of these hearings. The hearing will take place on Long Island, New York, on April 18, 1983. The scope of the hearing will include how the regulatory process has addressed the problems of evacuating the area surrounding the Shoreham Nuclear Plant and regulatory issues concerning the utility, the NRC, the Federal Emergency Management Agency, and the state and local officials involved. My staff will be available to talk with your staff in more detail about the exact scope of the hearing.

I want you to know that I am very sensitive to the fact that this facility is the subject of ongoing legal proceedings. I want to assure you that questions regarding such contested issues will not be asked of you or the other Commissioners. However, at the same time, I want to emphasize the importance of your participation at this hearing.

The issues involved raise questions about the adequacy of the NRC's regulations and about the agency's willingness to abide by those regulations. Hence, I think that it is

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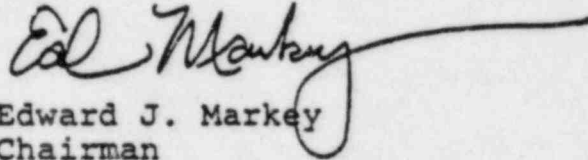
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important for the NRC to be represented at this hearing.

Thank you for your consideration of this invitation.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Ed Markey", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Edward J. Markey  
Chairman  
Subcommittee on Oversight  
and Investigations

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The Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations of the Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs requires that each witness submit 75 copies of their proposed testimony at least 72 hours in advance of the hearing. In the event that this is not possible, please contact Richard Udell of the Subcommittee staff at (202) 226-7610 in order to make other arrangements. Copies of any visual aids to be used should be included with copies of this statement. If a projector or other visual aid equipment is required, please contact the Subcommittee at least three days in advance of the hearing.

The written statement may be of any length. However, to permit adequate time for questions, you will be asked to summarize the statement in no more than 10 minutes. Material which is more detailed, technical, or which supplements the written or oral testimony may be supplied at the time of the hearing. This material will be included in the printed hearing record where appropriate. All material, particularly figures and charts, should be clean, clear, and suitable for reproduction. In the case of photographs, it will be necessary that the witness provide glossy prints for incorporation into the record.

The hearing will be open to the public. Supporting staff or counsel may accompany the witness if desired.