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Mr. Carlton C. Kammerer, Director
Office of Congressional Affairs
The United States Nuclear Regulatory
Commission
1717 H Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20555

Dear Mr. Kammerer:

Enclosed for your review are copies of letters I have received from Mr. Robert J. Henschen of Bellaire and Mr. T. Paul Robbins of Austin, Texas. I would certainly appreciate your sending me any pertinent information that you might have in this regard.

Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,



Lloyd Bentsen

Enclosure

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Senator Lloyd Bentsen
Washington

Dear Sen. Bentsen,

Time is very short and I hope you will be able to act on this important matter affecting us here in the Houston area.

Apparently the Nuclear Regulatory Commission is about to issue a license to the South Texas Nuclear Project to load fuel and begin low power operation--this despite its long history of construction mismanagement and safety violations. Frankly we're worried down here.

The Government Accountability Project has presented a petition to the NRC which documents with newspaper articles over the years a strong case for the need for a safety inspection by a team independent of the NRC because of that agency's repeated actions to coverup safety violations.

This kind of independent investigation seems absolutely necessary to assure the safety of this new nuclear reactor.

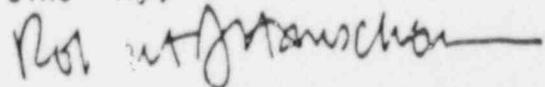
Will you please take a look at the G.A.P. petition, and if you find that its case is substantial as it appears to many of us in Houston, encourage the NRC to grant it immediately.

We feel that the evidence is strong that the NRC has failed in its responsibility to protect public safety interests in this matter and only an independent safety inspection will give us any confidence in the plant's safe operation.

Since the NRC has done so poorly by us in this case, we really feel quite helpless depending on them to regulate safety here, and need especially the kind of help your office can give.

Please give this matter your immediate attention if at all possible as we are dealing with such a short timeline.

Sincerely,



Robert Henschen