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Mr. Peter W. Gray  
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Dear Mr. Gray:

Your letter of April 23, 1963, addressed to President Kennedy, has been referred to the Atomic Energy Commission for consideration.

We note your concern for the safety of persons in the area surrounding the proposed reactor site at Bodega Bay and for the conservation of natural resources.

Enclosed is a pamphlet prepared by the Commission's Division of Public Information concerning the licensing of power reactors. I hope you will find it reassuring concerning the discharge by the Atomic Energy Commission of its responsibility relative to the health and safety of the public.

Before the Commission can consider issuance of a permit authorizing the Pacific Gas & Electric Company to construct the proposed plant at the proposed site, the Commission's Division of Licensing and Regulation will make a comprehensive safety evaluation of the proposal, the Commission's Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards will thoroughly review the application and a public hearing will be held before an Atomic Safety and Licensing Board or an AEC Hearing Examiner, as required by law. After the issuance of an Initial Decision by the Atomic Safety and Licensing Board or the Hearing Examiner, the entire hearing record is subject to review by the Commission. The hydrological, meteorological, and geological aspects of the site, including the effects of earthquake on the proposed plant, will be thoroughly explored in the course of review by the Commission's staff and the Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards. The purpose of these extensive procedures is to assure thorough consideration of all aspects of the proposed plant bearing upon the question whether the reactor can be constructed and operated at the proposed site without undue risk to the health and safety of the public. However,

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zoning questions, conservation matters and the esthetics of the site are not within the jurisdiction of the Atomic Energy Commission and, therefore, are not considered in the course of its review and evaluation.

As you know, the Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards is a Committee established by the Congress to advise the Commission on questions of reactor safety. It is made up of scientists and engineers who are eminently qualified in reactor technology. The reports of the Committee are made available to the public and announced by the Commission. The analysis of the safety aspects of the proposed reactor prepared by the Division of Licensing and Regulation will also be available to the public. This analysis will set forth the position which the Regulatory Staff will take at the public hearing. At that hearing, which will be held in California on a date and at a place to be announced, members of the Regulatory Staff will appear to explain their evaluation of the safety of the proposed reactor. Moreover, an opportunity to participate in the hearing is afforded the public pursuant to the Commission's "Rules of Practice", 10 CFR Part 2, a copy of which is enclosed. I feel sure that these procedures will enable all interested persons in the area to acquaint themselves with the details of the proposal and with the Regulatory Staff's evaluation thereof.

Sincerely yours,

Original Signed by  
Eber R. Price

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Enclosures:  
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A.E.C.  
President of the United States  
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Washington, D.C.

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Dear Mr. President,

I am a citizen of this country. What does that mean? It means that the elected officials of this country are holding office to serve me. They are supposed to be there to do good for me, and the rest of the country. Well, now is the time for you to prove your worth.

I have been trying to get some answers from one of my government agencies, but so far NOTHING! The agency that I am referring to is the Atomic Energy Commission. They too are supposed to be serving me, but at present I feel that they are working against me. Against the good that they are supposed to be doing.

What I am talking about is the new site for the Pacific Gas and Electric Companies atomic powered steam plant that is to be built at Bodega, California. This plant that is being pushed by the P.G.&E Co. with the approval of the A.E.C. will be built on one of the most beautiful scenic points of the coast of California. It will not only ruin this beautiful spot, but there is a question of its safety.

Not just the safety of the plant, but of its location. Do you know that this plant will be built less than a quarter of a mile from one of the most active earth quake fault zones in the state of California? I am referring to the San Andreas Fault Zone. This is the same one that caused the 1906 San Francisco earthquake. I do not understand this. Why must a plant, an atomic plant be built so near a Fault Zone? I understand that there have been many small accidents in atomic plants throughout this country. Isn't this just adding danger upon danger?

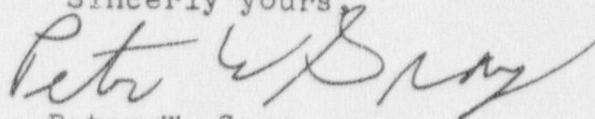
The way that this whole thing has been done is pretty high handed. The Biological Department of the University of California had planned to put a marine life study station on this same spot. When it was found out that P.G.&E. ~~xxxxxxx~~ wanted to put their plant there the university opposed it. This was many months ago. Today the university is silent. Why??? Did P.G.&E. silence them? Or did the millions of dollars that comes from the government do it? What has been the roll of the AEC? Did the A.E.C. put pressure on them? I don't know, but something is wrong.

When progress is used to destroy beauty it no longer is progress. This type of progress destroys the individual freedom that this country was founded on. If large corporations and monopolies with the help of government agencies are allowed to run this country then, what we have is not individual freedom, but individual

slavery. The right of each individual to choose what corporation he shall submit himself to.

I would like some answers to these questions, and you, as my public servant, should give them to me. I hope that I will be hearing from you soon.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Peter W. Gray". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the typed name.

Peter W. Gray

