

MAIL ROOM

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Dear Mrs. Gaffney:

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With regard to the matters described in your letter of January 26 and the one of December 26, 1960 to the Commission's San Francisco Operations Office, the questions you raise are basically a matter of property rights and these are outside the scope of the Commission's authority. Such matters as property rights, land acquisition, condemnation proceedings and zoning considerations are questions which are in the hands of local and state authorities and must be resolved between the utility and those authorities. These matters are normally dealt with by utilities before an application for a license is submitted to the AEC.

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Sincerely yours,

*S/ Glenn T. Seaborg*

Chairman

Mrs. Rose S. Gaffney  
Bodega Bay, California

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Sincerely yours,

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Mrs. Rose S. Gaffney  
Bodega Bay, California

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✓ MR. FINAN

We have had a number of letters from  
Mrs. Gaffney over the last several years.  
Several exchanges are attached for identification.  
PLEASE RETURN FOR OUR FILES. R. K. Kib

From: NDMason



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CHRIS HENDERSON

ATTACHED IS RE-WRITE DESIGNED TO  
AVOID ANSWERING LETTER, WHICH IS  
MAINLY ABOUT PROPERTY RIGHTS, IN  
TERMS OF SAFETY

NOTE, THO, THAT MRS G. HAS THROWN  
UP SAFETY QUESTIONS. I'VE CLIPPED  
SEVERAL AS ALLUDING TO SAFETY.

HENCE, APPROACH IS TO INDICATE  
2-STAGES i.e. PROPERTY RIGHTS FIRST,  
AEC REVIEW LATER, WITHOUT  
APPEARING TO IGNORE SAFETY AND  
ALSO TO MAKE POINT THAT WE  
CAN'T INTERFERE WITHOUT HAVING  
RECEIVED AN APPLICATION ALTHO  
MRS G. HOPES WE WOULD.

IT IS NOT STRICTLY CORRECT TO SAY  
WE LOOK AT SAFETY ONLY E.G.  
FINANCIAL QUALIFICATIONS, COMMON  
DEFENSE & SECURITY, SO HAVE  
AVOIDED THAT WORDING WHICH  
WE MIGHT LATER BE CHALLENGED  
ABOUT

DICK KIRK

OFFICE OF THE CHAIRMAN

\_\_\_\_ Via Secretariat

- ☐ Digest  
☐ Info paper  
☐ No action

To: Mr. Richard Kirk  
Room A-183  
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\_\_\_\_ For information.

\_\_\_\_ For appropriate handling.

\_\_\_\_ For preparation of reply for Chairman's signature ( Refer  
to Manual Chap. 0243).

Use special salutation:

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Remarks:

Dick:

Per our phone conversation today, attached  
is the proposed letter to Mrs. Gaffney.

C. L. Henderson



OFFICE OF THE CHAIRMAN

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To: General Manager

SLR

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X For preparation of reply for Chairman's signature ( Refer  
to Manual Chap. 0243).

Use special salutation:

Remarks: Please prepare reply for Dr.  
Seaborg's signature as soon as  
possible.

W. L. Oakley  
February 17, 1961

BERKELEY: OFFICE OF THE CHANCELLOR

*C.M.  
Gaffney*

Mrs. Rose S. Gaffney  
Bodega Bay, California

Dear Mrs. Gaffney:

Your letter of January 26, 1961, addressed to Chancellor Seaborg, arrived in this office shortly after Dr. Seaborg departed to take up his new duties in Washington. I am forwarding your letter to him, but there doubtless will be a delay in his reply. I can imagine, as you can too, the problems facing Dr. Seaborg as he moves into his new office.

The University is still interested in finding a proper site for our proposed Marine Biological Laboratory. Plans for this facility are going forward, and we will hope to be in touch with you in the not too distant future. We still retain your property on the list of potential sites.

Sincerely,

E. W. Strong  
Vice-Chancellor and  
Acting Chief Campus Officer

cc: Dr. Glenn T. Seaborg ✓

Bcc: Mr. R. F. Hartsook  
Professor J. W. Oswald  
Professor R. Emerson

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74 P. - see me -*

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