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Mr. Melville Tatsapaugh  
29 Geneva Place  
San Francisco, California

Dear Mr. Tatsapaugh:

This replies to your letters of September 6, 1963 to President Kennedy and Chairman Seaborg, and to your letter of September 2, 1963 to me.

The Commission welcomes the views and opinions of interested members of the public on questions affecting the Commission's regulatory functions and responsibilities, and we appreciate your interest in writing to us regarding the pending application of Pacific Gas & Electric Company for a permit to construct the proposed power reactor project at Bodega Bay. I do not believe, however, that I can add further to the information contained in my letter of August 1, 1963 with these exceptions:

- (a) With respect to the field study by the U. S. Geological Survey, referred to in my letter, the Commission has received a report from the Department of the Interior dated September 25, 1963 which sets forth the results of the field work at the site through June 6, 1963. Because excavation work subsequent to that date disclosed a fault which extends into the bedrock at the site of the proposed reactor, a further report on the geologic aspects of this fault was requested of the Department on October 1, 1963. A copy of the Commission's public announcement concerning the September 25 report is enclosed, and a copy of the report itself is available for inspection at the Commission's Public Document Room at 2111 Bancroft Way, Berkeley, California. Additional copies of the report are being reproduced and I have arranged that one be sent to you as soon as it is available.
- (b) In regard to your comments as to the costs being incurred by Pacific Gas & Electric Company at the proposed site, I believe that the enclosed copy of the letter dated July 23, 1963 from the Commission's General Counsel to the Company

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may be of interest to you. Also enclosed is a copy of a letter dated July 26, 1963 from the Director, Division of Licensing and Regulation, to the Company, and a copy of the Company's letter of August 8, 1963 relating thereto.

(c) Your letter of September 2, 1963 considers the possible effect on the exclusion area if four reactors should be constructed at the proposed Bodega Head site. The present application of Pacific Gas & Electric Company is for a construction permit to construct the single reactor described therein. The Commission's evaluation of the application is, therefore, limited to that reactor. If that application should be approved, any future proposal for additional reactors at the same site would have to be evaluated by the Commission in the light of facts and circumstances existing at that time.

The Company's application, as you probably know, is still pending before the Commission. The public hearing to which I referred in my letter of August 1 will not be scheduled, of course, until we have received the farther report of the U. S. Geological Survey, our staff analysis has been completed, and a report by the Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards has been received.

Sincerely yours,

(Signed)  
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