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Dear Dr. Seaborg:

The enclosed copy of letters from Mr. George G. Little of Berkeley, California, will be self explanatory.

You will note my acknowledgment has informed him that his proposal has been referred to you.

Sincerely yours,

Secretary of the Interior

Dr. Glenn T. Seaborg  
Chairman, U. S. Atomic Energy Commission  
1717 H. Street, N.W.  
Washington 25, D. C.

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Dear Mr. Little:

Thanks for your June 13 letter and for the enclosed copy of your June 12 letter to Dr. Merrill, Director of Public Health, State of California.

Since your proposal to Dr. Merrill is of more direct concern to the Atomic Energy Commission, than to this Department, I have sent a copy of your letter and enclosure to Dr. Glenn T. Seaborg, Chairman of the Atomic Energy Commission.

Sincerely yours,

(sgd) Stewart L. Udall  
Secretary of the Interior

Mr. George G. Little  
President, Board of Directors  
Consumers Cooperative of Berkeley  
1414 University Avenue  
Berkeley 2, California

CC:

Dr. Glenn T. Seaborg  
Chairman, Atomic Energy Commission  
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June 13, 1963

Hon. Stewart Udall  
Secretary of the Interior  
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Dear Secretary Udall:

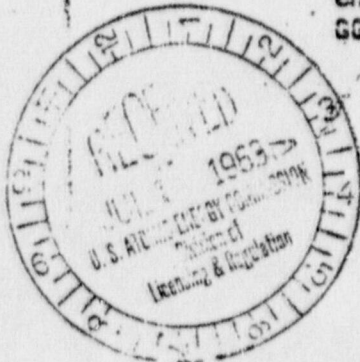
I am enclosing a copy of a letter to Dr. Malcolm H. Merrill, Director of the California Department of Public Health, making two proposals made by the Board of Directors of the Consumers Cooperative of Berkeley regarding (1) the responsibility for monitoring the discharge gases and the cooling water from nuclear power plants in California and (2) the Office of Coordinator of Atomic Energy Development and Radiation Protection.

We hope that you will give these proposals your serious consideration.

Very truly yours,

George G. Little  
President, Board of Directors  
Consumers Cooperative of Berkeley, Inc.

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# CONSUMERS COOPERATIVE OF BERKELEY, INC.

June 12, 1953

Dr. Malcolm H. Merrill  
Director of Public Health  
State of California  
Department of Public Health  
2151 Berkeley Way  
Berkeley 4, California

Dear Dr. Merrill:

The Consumers Cooperative of Berkeley (CCB) has a membership of about 23,000 persons living in the Bay Area counties. We have a history of concern for the protection of the consumer. We have supported consumer-oriented legislation and proposals to strengthen our state's protective agencies. For some time, our interests have included the relatively new area of radiation protection. We recognize that the peacetime uses of atomic energy are a necessary development but, because they are new, there may be alternative methods of protecting citizens from radiation hazards. We feel such avenues should be explored and judged in an unbiased manner as is possible.

With these thoughts in mind, our consumers' cooperative would like to offer some proposals for consideration by people like yourself whose primary responsibility is the protection of the health of the people of this state. The Board of Directors of CCB at their May 27 meeting adopted two resolutions relating to the civilian uses of atomic energy.

1. The CCB urges that the Bureau of Radiological Health of the California Department of Public Health be assigned primary responsibility for monitoring the discharge gases and the cooling water from nuclear power plants built and operated by either publicly or privately owned utilities companies in California.



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June 12, 1963

We believe this arrangement would provide better safeguards for the public than the current procedure of permitting a company to bear the larger part of the responsibility for monitoring the wastes from its plants.

For over thirty years, there has been in operation a precedent for what we are proposing. We refer to the compulsory cannery inspection provided by your Department under the Health and Safety Code with the inspection and laboratory costs prorated to the various licensees. We are convinced that the services provided under this arrangement are more impartial than when the same services are provided directly by the industry concerned.

We believe that an arrangement similar to that provided for canneries should be established for utilities companies using nuclear energy for their fuel. It would increase immeasurably public confidence in such companies since it would be reassuring to know that the Department of Public Health was, at all times, fully cognizant of all phases of this monitoring. The utilities companies should bear the costs of the monitoring instruments, the laboratory analyses and the services of the inspectors. The inspectors would be hired by and responsible to the Department of Public Health.

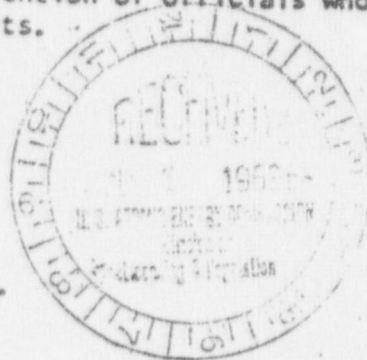
2. The second resolution adopted by the CCB's Board of Directors is also concerned with protection of consumers from radiation hazards. We believe that the two types of duties of the Coordinator of Atomic Energy Development and Radiation Protection should be separated. The protective aspects should be placed in the Department of Public Health, and the development activities should be assigned to some other agency.

We think it is not realistic to expect a single individual to discharge both responsibilities equally well since they may at times be in conflict. The protective functions could be more effectively carried out by your Department and public educational information would be more acceptable to our citizens if it came from an agency such as yours.

Both of these proposals for improving protection of the public in the area of radiation will probably require legislative actions. It is not too soon to start thinking about such matters in terms of the 1965 legislative session. We trust you will give serious consideration to these recommendations, and that you will call them to the attention of officials who are in the position of judging them on their merits.

Very truly yours,

George G. Little  
President, Board of Directors  
Consumers Cooperative of Berkeley, Inc.



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