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LYME, New Hampshire
12 June 1963

Dr. Glenn [illegible], Chairman
Atomic Energy Commission
WASHINGTON 25, D.C.

Dear Sir:

When the attitude of the AEC toward the public safety has aroused the concern of the Secretary of the Interior, isn't it time to take stock?

It is reported that the Bodega Head nuclear power plant is being located 1000 yeard from the San Andreas Fault, in clear violation of even your own recently-reduced mandatory safety margin. And what about Iodine 131?

I wish to also register protest over the Con Edison plan to locate a nuclear power plant within the densely-populated area of greater New York. Is it not true that safety margins for these things just are not definitively known?

Is major disaster the price we must pay to convey a gut awareness of the kind of beast we're dealing with in this atomic age?

Very truly yours,

Hendrick W. Putnam

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Howard C. Brown, Jr.
For the Chairman

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(S. S. Golosman
1610 College Ave.
Palo Alto, Calif.
June 8, 1963

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Dear President Kennedy:

I would like you to use your influence [illegible] the Atomic Energy Commission accept Secretary Udall's offer of the U.S. Geological Survey to investigate earthquake hazards [illegible] the Nuclear Energy Reactor at Bodega Head, California.

The Pacific Gas and Electric Co. should find a site that is not in the San Andreas earthquake zone.

Sincerely,

B S Golosman

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Udall Blasted for Swipe at California Reactor

EXTENSION OF REMARKS
OF
HON. CRAIG HOSMER
OF CALIFORNIA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Thursday, June 6, 1963

Mr. HOSMER. Mr. Speaker, on June 3 the San Francisco Examiner placed Interior Secretary Stewart Udall's petulant criticism of the nuclear electric generating facilities planned for Bodega Bay in the following editorial perspective:

EARTHQUAKE BUGABOO

Intervention by Interior Secretary Stewart Udall in the Bodega Head nuclear reactor controversy on the grounds of possible earthquake perils seems to us a bit like throwing the overalls in Mrs. Murphy's chowder.

Certainly there are many areas of legitimate doubt about the Bodega project. Such doubts will be resolved by competent authorities at the proper time. We respect the misgivings of those who look askance at the proposed reactor for reasons of health, safety, and esthetics.

But we suggest that Secretary Udall has not offered a legitimate doubt on the issue of earthquakes.

Californians, and particularly San Franciscans, do not need to be told by Mr. Udall or anyone else what earthquakes can do. They learned that the hard way.

But who in San Francisco said, "What's the use?" after the 1906 shakedown? Everybody knew the city was sitting astride the San Andreas fault and always would, and the possibility of future shakes existed, probably forever. But nobody thought it was no good building anything bigger than a pig sty, simply because more shakes might come.

The city picked itself up out of the ruins and built again, better and bigger than ever.

And suppose it had not. Suppose it had followed the counsel of those who, like Udall, would let fear dictate the shape of the future. If San Francisco had ever stopped building because of fear of earthquakes, the city would have died in 1906 with nothing more needed to mark the spot than a few tombstones.

Most of California sits on San Andreas or similar faults. Any one of the faults can get out of line at any time. But the whole future has not been written off for that reason.

University of California's vast system of nuclear laboratories and experimentation was established without deterrence by fear of earthquakes. Stanford University's 2-mile-long linear accelerator, a nuclear giant, is not inhibited by the possibility, even the likelihood, of quakes. All these monumental institutions rest atop known and major earth faults.

Where would America now be in the world nuclear armament race, if Dr. Ernest Lawrence had let the possibility of future earthquakes stop him?

Californians go on living, building, growing—knowing earthquakes and what they can do all too well. Would Secretary Udall have it any other way?

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