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Date: September 28, 1964

TO: Atomic Energy Commission

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Ivan Sinclair

By direction of the President:

Ivan Sinclair
Assistant to the President

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CALIFORNIA DEMOCRATIC COUNCIL

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

August 15, 1964

President Lyndon B. Johnson
The White House
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. President:

Our purpose here is to urge your direct intervention into the matter of the proposed nuclear power plant at Bodega Head in Northern California, to the end that your review will clearly show that further construction is not in the public interest and should be suspended.

The California Democratic Council, representing as you know some 70,000 working Democratic volunteers in California, has long been concerned about the proposed Bodega Head nuclear plant, and has opposed it on several grounds. As early as March, 1963, our statewide convention of some 2500 delegates called attention to the conservation issue at stake as follows: "The proposed Pacific Gas and Electric Company power plant on Bodega Head would be an intolerable encroachment of commercial development upon area of unique scenic and biological value.....this land should be preserved for park use and as a marine biological station."

The conservation issue still holds today--for as you have so eloquently expressed before, our recreational and scenic treasures must now be preserved if the needs of present and future generations are to be served.

The second major issue is of course that of safety. Many public officials in California, including Senator Engle through his recently introduced Senate Joint Resolution No. 167, have called attention to the severe problem of safety for a plant built directly upon a major earthquake fault.

Finally, may we point out by means of the enclosed collection of press clippings that the construction of this plant is an extremely unpopular matter to a vast number of people in Northern California, and the opposition has persisted to the extent that it represents a major political issue.

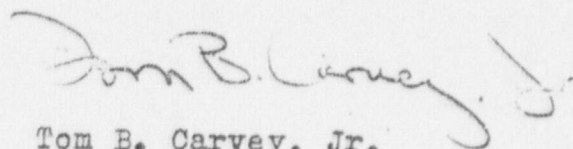
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The matter of proceeding with construction now lies before the Atomic Energy Commission. Recently the Atomic Energy Commission has asked for further justification of design adequacy in view of the discovery of the earthquake fault in the reactor foundation.

The Atomic Energy Commission has of course long been an advocate of the power plant. We therefore do not believe they can fairly judge the merits of continuing the construction. Under these circumstances, we are therefore calling upon you for a review and intervention in this issue, knowing of your deep concern for the broad considerations of public welfare which are at stake in this instance. We most respectfully seek your help.

Sincerely,



Tom B. Carvey, Jr.
President

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