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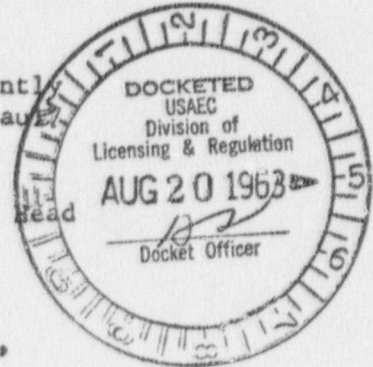
RE: PG&E NUCLEAR POWER PLANT

Dr. Glenn T. Seaborg, Chairman
Atomic Energy Commission
Washington, D.C.

Dear Dr. Seaborg:

Enclosed is a copy of a letter which I recently received from one of my constituents, Mr. Paul F. Corey.

I thought that these comments on the Bodega Head power plant would be of interest to you.



Very truly yours,

Don H. Clausen

Don H. Clausen
Member of Congress

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May I have your comments on the contents of his letter. Thank you



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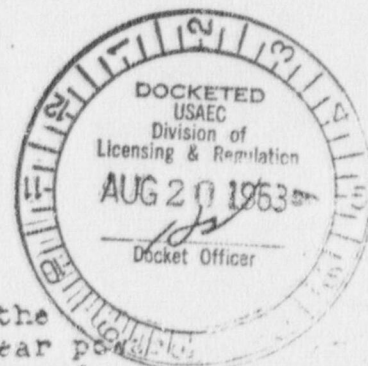
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287 Caveate Road
Sonoma, Calif.

July 30, 1963

The Hon. Donald Clauser
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C.



Dear Mr. Clauser:

Recently I noted that you have taken cognizance of the fight here to keep the P.G.&E. from building a nuclear power plant on Bodega Head, thus destroying a prime scenic and recreation area and threatening the entire population lying to the east of it.

LIFE magazine stated last week that a reactor needs to run only a short time before "the fuel in its core is contaminated with fiercely radioactive fission product. If this unpleasant stuff got spread around the countryside by any sort of explosion, it would do as much harm as the fallout from an atom bomb."

This proposed P.G.&E. reactor is being built right on the tip of the San Andreas Fault. (I have seen the site. I have walked over all of it.) In the news this very instant is the report of what an earthquake can do--see Yugoslavia. The reactor proposed by the P.G.&E. is not even the super-safe design proposed by Con-Ed for New York. It is only a slightly modified version of the P.G.&E. reactor near Eureka which "Went Critical" within the last few weeks.

Even if you are willing to write off Bodega Head as a scenic, recreation area, you cannot be willing to jeopardize your constituents by this real danger that, I assure you, is not a myth dreamed up by a lot of crackpots.

We need to develop nuclear power. I grant that. I will even urge it. But there are thousands of safe places for reactors. Of what value quick nuclear power if you endanger the public with its presence?

Sincerely,

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Paul F. Corey

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TO REP. CLAUSEN DTD 7/30/63 RE ABOVE

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For preparation of reply for Chairman's signature (Refer to Manual Chapter 0240)

For discussion at Commissioners' Information Meeting

For distribution to other Commissioners

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Howard C. Brown, Jr.
For the Chairman

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