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ATOMIC ENERGY COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20545

August 28, 1964

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Dr. Herbert Kouts
Chairman, Advisory Committee
on Reactor Safeguards
U. S. Atomic Energy Commission
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Dr. Kouts:

Transmitted herewith for the information of the Committee are
eighteen copies of the following:

Letter to Price from Hedgpeth, University of Pacific, dated
August 5, 1964 concerning geological investigations being
conducted in the Boedga area.

Sincerely yours,

Edison G. Case
Assistant Director
Division of Reactor Licensing

Enclosures:
As stated above

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SIERRA CLUB

Mills Tower, San Francisco 4

August 26, 1964

The President
The White House
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. President:

Our purpose here is to ask favorable attention for the request from Mr. Tom B. Carvey, President of the California Democratic Council, dated August 15, 1964, urging "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."

Mr. Carvey invokes the voice of "some 70,000 working Democratic volunteers in California" in support of his request. We wish to add the voice of this 26,000 member organization, which often has articulated an increasing concern among Americans with the deterioration of our physical environment as well as the disappearance of scenic resources.

The Sierra Club has passed formal resolutions opposing the proposed Pacific Gas and Electric Company nuclear power plant on Bodega Head on three separate occasions: August 5, 1958; May 5, 1961; and June 9, 1963.

The Sierra Club is also on record favoring the early development of economic nuclear power. The prospect of substitution of this energy source for hydroelectric energy is of special interest, in view of the great and irretrievable damage that would be imposed on scenic resources by most of the hydro developments now being proposed.

We find no inconsistency, however, between this position and our strong opposition to the construction of a power plant on Bodega Head. Indeed, the enormous public apprehension over the proximity of the Bodega Head site to the active San Andreas Fault and the possibility of an active earthquake fault through the foundations of the proposed site may jeopardize the entire nuclear power program in California. The Sierra Club, I would stress, is not expert on matters of nuclear safety. But our members share the public concern, I am sure, arising from the repeated redesigning of the installation after insistent reassurances that each preceding design was quite safe. We

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The President

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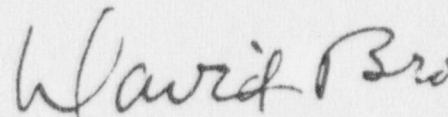
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believe that it was conservationist pressure, following a broad-scoped analysis in the public interest, that broke the complacency and brought about the redesign. More powerful investigative forces than any yet brought to bear are necessary to show that still further redesign is not needed.

Our concern is primarily for the beauty of the face of America and what this will mean to the process of living in this land in this generation as well as future generations. I myself believe that there has been a cynical defiance of the public interest at Bodega that has imperiled not only a fine potential park, but also the orderly and considerate development, mindful of all public values, of nuclear energy so badly needed in our future. It seems likely, for example, that the opposition which has developed to other nuclear power proposals in Southern California might never have occurred had it not been for the precedent of public opposition on the unique issues at Bodega Head.

Therefore, we endorse Mr. Carvey's request not only on behalf of wise use of a unique natural feature on the California coast, but inferentially on behalf of rapid development of safe nuclear power, and wise use of our remaining natural rivers.

Sincerely,



David Brower
Executive Director

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