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Mr. John T. Conway
Executive Director
Joint Committee on Atomic Energy
Congress of the United States

Dear Mr. Conway:

I am enclosing for your information a copy of a letter dated May 20, 1963 with attachments from the Secretary of the Interior to the Chairman of the Commission commenting on the application of the Pacific Gas and Electric Company for a construction permit for the proposed Bodega Head plant.

I understand that the enclosed letter with attachments was released to the press by the Department of Interior for publication on May 22.

Sincerely yours,

(Signed) H. L. Price

H. L. Price
Director of Regulation

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As above

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DR
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For Information

For appropriate handling

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Howard C. Brown, Jr.
For the Chairman



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UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

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MAY 21 1963

Dear Mrs. Goldblatt:

Thank you for your recent letter sent to Secretary Udall regarding the nuclear reactor that the Pacific Gas and Electric Company plans to construct at Bodega Bay, and the several articles on this subject.

The Atomic Energy Commission has this matter under careful study and is endeavoring to reach a solution which will take into consideration all of the facts in the case. In view of the tremendous needs to supply electric power requirements in the future, it is necessary to thoroughly investigate all possible means of generating the power as economically as possible.

Since the Atomic Energy Commission has the prime responsibility within the Federal Government for nuclear power developments, we are forwarding a copy of your letter for its attention.

Sincerely yours,

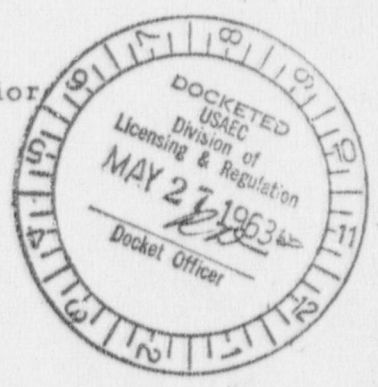
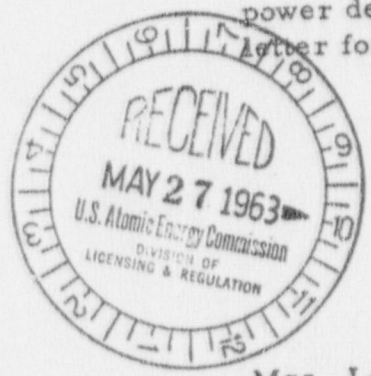
(sgd) Robert W. Nelson

Secretary of the Interior

Deputy Assistant

Mrs. Louis Goldblatt
432 Lovell Avenue
Mill Valley, California

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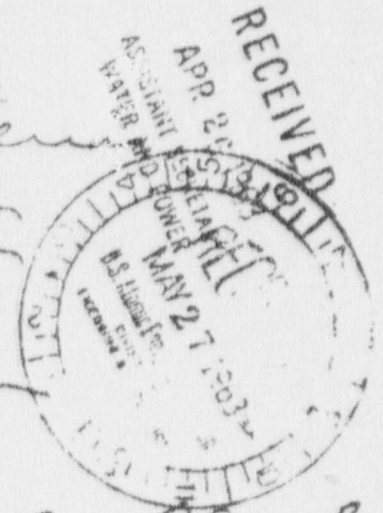
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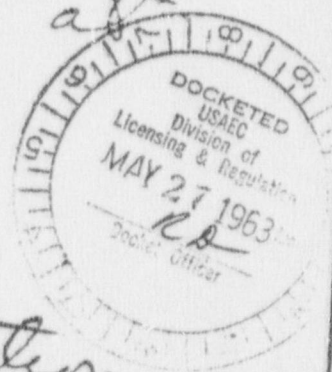
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Mr. Stuart Udall
Department of the Interior
Washington, D. C.



Dear Mr. Udall

I am writing you regarding
the nuclear reactor that
our local P. G. E.
plans to construct at
Bodega Bay -



Aside from conservation
principles, my husband
and I both feel that

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Further hearings should
be held regarding the
suitability of such a
site location - so close
to our Bay Area population

I am enclosing two
recent clippings, which
I feel are pertinent.
I urge that your department
request delay in construction
of the plant, and use
your influence with the
A.E.C. to this purpose.

Sincerely,
Theresa J. Goldlett
(Mrs. Brown)

Merry-Go-Round

Government Is Still Suppressing News

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AT THE TIME editor John M. Cahill of the Wichita Eagle was impressing the American Society of Newspaper Editors with "mounting evidence" of suppressed news, the government was suppressing two vital pieces of information. One was the report on a malfunction of the Consolidated Edison nuclear reactor at Indian Point, Westchester county, New York, which is approximately five miles from 18 lakes which supply water to several million people in New York City.

As far as can be ascertained, the malfunction was not of a nature to contaminate the water or neighborhood with radioactivity. However, whether serious or minor, the public has a right to know and the Atomic Energy Commission has kept its report classified.

Under the law, operating reports are required to be filed in the AEC document room every six months, and within 24 hours if there is a nuclear accident. However, the AEC has set up rules of its own, and has suppressed details about the Consolidated Edison accident, even though it occurred five months ago.

SECOND NEWS SUPPRESSION was regarding the expenditure of \$200,000 a month to Cuban exiles by the Central Intelligence Agency. There was no demand that the money was being spent; however,

species as to which Cuban groups were getting the money and what it was used for brought the answer "classified".

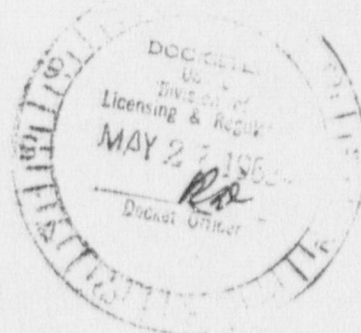
This is part of the secrecy shroud placed around Central Intelligence, by which it is able to bribe foreign politicians, recruit armies, and even buy naval vessels with no accounting to Congress, the General Accounting Office or anyone else.

* * *
PART OF THE \$200,000 monthly payment to Cuban exiles is to carry out the CIA program of raiding the Cuban coast, which puts both the exiles and Central Intelligence in the position of carrying out a policy directly contrary to that of the President.

In other words, Cuban exiles are paid by one branch of the government to do one thing—and told not to do it by the Commander-in-Chief.

This apparent conflict is all the more reason for letting the public have the full facts. However, CIA information remains suppressed.

Note—CIA chief John McCone has been growing privately about Mr. Kennedy's policy in Cuba, has said it has permitted Khrushchev to take over. CIA agents are known to have been in touch with Senator Kenneth Keating (Rep-N.Y.), Mr. Kennedy's No. 1 Republican critic on Cuba.



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Nuclear Reactors
And Public Safety

SF Chronicle



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THE MYSTERY surrounding the tragedy of the USS Thresher, plus some malfunctions of nuclear reactors for industrial purposes, is causing a quiet scrutiny of the entire nuclear peacetime program. It will not affect the submarine program, for which nuclear power is considered vital, but it may bring more caution in setting up nuclear power plants near big cities.

ments in nuclear power plants might cause the AEC to proceed with a plant despite danger to the public.

"The AEC might feel obligated to go through with a bad deal with respect to public safety because they will have permitted the expenditure of large sums," Senator Anderson warned.

Detroit Edison and associated companies have already invested \$100 million in the Laguna Beach reactor. Next big reactor to be constructed will be the biggest in the world, to be built by Consolidated Edison close to midtown New York.

While it hasn't been advertised, several accidents have occurred in nuclear reactors in the past few months. They are:

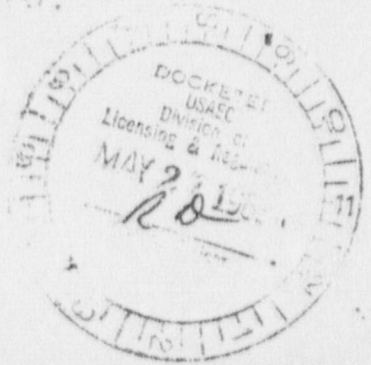
1. The USS Savannah suffered a breakdown en route between San Diego and Honolulu and is now laid up in Galveston for modifications.
2. The Indian Point reactor operated by Consolidated Edison in Westchester county, N.Y., suffered a malfunction in November, 1962, which is still labeled "classified" by Atomic Energy Commission.
3. There have been at least three accidents at the Laguna Beach reactor built just south of Detroit by Detroit Edison. Despite this, the Atomic Energy Commission last week gave the green light to Detroit Edison to proceed with its work.

IT SHOULD be noted that Consolidated Edison will be insured against an accident and the spreading of radioactivity over Manhattan. But what most taxpayers don't know is that they themselves are paying for this insurance.

What happened was that when the insurance companies first were asked to insure against a nuclear accident in a densely populated area they backed away from it as impossible. The AEC had reported that the chances of an accident were remote but that if one did occur the damage could be around a billion dollars. So the Federal Government now puts up half a billion dollars insurance for private utility companies against an accident.

THIS RECALLED the warning of Senator Clint Anderson (Dem-N. Mex.), longtime member of the Joint Atomic Energy Committee, that heavy invest-

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RESOLUTION OF PUBLIC STATEMENT OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF SONOMA REGARDING THE POLICY OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS RELATING TO THE PROPOSED BODEGA BAY ATOMIC POWER PLANT AND ALLEGATIONS AND IMPRESSIONS OF CERTAIN OPPONENTS REGARDING THE MANNER IN WHICH THE PROPOSAL HAS BEEN HANDLED BY THIS BOARD.

WHEREAS, certain untrue charges have been publicly made and repeated against this Board of Supervisors and other officers of the County of Sonoma in the matter of the proposed Bodega Bay atomic power plant, and

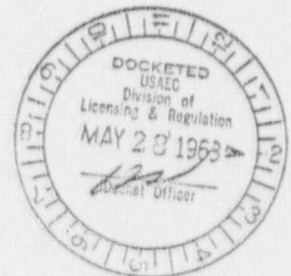
WHEREAS, this Board is presently limited in its ability to comment as to some aspects thereof by reason of the fact that litigation relating thereto is now in progress;

Nevertheless, this Board, as the duly elected and constituted legislative and administrative body of the people of the County of Sonoma, feels that the true facts and issues as seen by this Board should be publicly announced, except insofar as limited by the pendency of litigation; now

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Sonoma that the statement, a copy of which is before this Board, which consists of a statement of position of this Board of Supervisors regarding the proposed Bodega Bay atomic power plant and a statement of the true facts relating to the manner in which the proposal has been and is proposed to be handled, is approved.

The foregoing resolution was introduced by Supervisor Guidotti who moved its adoption, seconded by Supervisor Buchsbaum, and adopted on roll call on May 20, 1963, by the following vote:

Supervisor Showmaker	Aye
Supervisor Kist	Aye
Supervisor Buchsbaum	Aye
Supervisor Guidotti	Aye
Supervisor Mitchell	Aye



AYES: 5 NAYS: 0 ABSENT OR NOT VOTING: 0

WHEREUPON, the Chairman declared the foregoing resolution adopted, and

SO ORDERED.



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STATEMENT OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE
COUNTY OF SONOMA CONCERNING BOARD ACTION
IN CONNECTION WITH DEVELOPMENTS IN THE
BODEGA BAY AREA

Much interest and publicity has surrounded developments which have taken, and are taking, place in the Bodega Bay area. Actions by the Board of Supervisors have been challenged by certain individuals and organizations, and statements have been made and publicized which are not in keeping with the facts. This statement is made for the purpose of placing the pertinent facts in proper relation to one another and presenting them to the public.

Early in 1958 the Pacific Gas and Electric Company announced a proposal to install a major atom generating electric power plant on Bodega Head at Bodega Bay. It was stated that this installation might be atomic powered. Such announcement, and a great many other follow-up announcements and developments were headlined in county newspapers and treated extensively in news stories in Sonoma County and Bay Area newspapers during 1958, 1959 and 1960. In consequence of the original announcement, this Board and other County departments, as representatives of the people of the County began immediately to give serious thought to the proposal.

At the time of the announcement of the proposed plant, the Bodega Bay area, including Bodega Head, carried an Unclassified or "U" Zone classification under the County Zoning Ordinance. Because of provisions of the zoning ordinance covering the "U" zones, the Planning and Board departments of the County were of the opinion that the Board would be required to issue an atomic power plant use permit and other zoning regulations unless the zoning were changed.

Construction of a major power plant in the Bodega Bay area together with other developments taking place indicated substantial changes to the economy and land use of the Bodega Bay area. This led the Planning Commission to study the potential land use of the property in the Bodega Bay area and to recommend to the Board of Supervisors the adoption of an Interim Zoning Ordinance covering the Bodega Bay area which would clearly require that a use permit be obtained for a power plant and other major developments in the area. To discharge its duty to the public and give a position from which a county voice could be heard in the matter, the Board of Supervisors adopted such interim zoning on March 3, 1959.

In view of the clear requirement for a use permit under the Interim Zoning Ordinance as adopted, the Pacific Gas and Electric Company applied for a Use Permit. After a thorough and complete investigation of the proposal, soon before



STATEMENT CONCERNING BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
CONNECTION WITH BODEGA BAY AREA DEVELOPMENTS (Cont'd)

the Planning Commission and the Board of Supervisors, during which time considerable publicity was carried in the newspapers of Sonoma County, a use permit was issued on February 9, 1960, conditionally authorizing use of the land for the proposed power plant. A principal condition of that use permit was that before the plant was constructed all necessary permits from all State and Federal agencies be obtained. This included the required permit from the Public Utilities Commission, and, if the plant was to be atomic powered, a permit from the Atomic Energy Commission.

All of the proceedings leading to the issuance of this use permit were conducted by the Board of Zoning Adjustments, the Planning Commission and the Board of Supervisors in open public meetings with extensive news coverage of all of their actions.

During investigation of the facts leading up to the issuance of these permits, conferences were held by staff members and members of the Board of Supervisors with representatives of Pacific Gas and Electric Company and with others that indicated an interest in this matter. Such conferences are common practice and provide a good basis for obtaining as much information as possible prior to the time of official action so that the best judgment can be exercised in making the official decision on any matter.

The State law directs that studies proceed and precise zoning be developed promptly for any area placed in a temporary or interim zoning classification. The Planning Department and Planning Commission of the County of Sonoma have therefore been conducting studies of the entire Bodega Bay area which studies resulted in the preparation of a proposed precise zoning plan for the area. Public hearings on such proposal were held by the Planning Commission after public notice, and by the Board of Supervisors after public notice, and on May 7, 1963, a Precise Zoning Ordinance for the Bodega Bay area was adopted. The zoning so determined to be most appropriate for the area in which the proposed power plant is to be located was "A" or "Agricultural" Zone. The basic zoning ordinance of Sonoma County has been substantially in its present form for many years and, although the designation of the zone chosen as "Agricultural" may not seem too appropriate, the content of the "A" or "Agricultural" zone sections and provisions of the basic Zoning Ordinance were felt to be the most appropriate of any of those available. This is easily substantiated by a careful consideration of the basic zoning ordinance itself in light of the facts of developments, commitments of development and proposals and patterns of development now existing at Bodega Bay together with the fact that the Board of Supervisors, at the time of

STATEMENT CONCERNING BOARD ACTION IN
CONNECTION WITH BODEGA BAY AREA DEVELOPMENTS (Cont'd)

issuance of the original use permit to the Pacific Gas and Electric Company considered the question as to whether the area was appropriate from a land use standpoint for the construction of a power plant and at that time determined that it was an appropriate use. The Board of Supervisors has not changed its determination in this regard. The public should not be misled by the title given in the Basic Zoning Ordinance to the zone chosen but should investigate the provisions in the body of the section.

As to other aspects of the total situation, the following things are also involved and should be borne in mind:

It is the declared legislative and executive policy of our nation and of the State of California that the development of peacetime use of atomic energy shall be encouraged and promoted.

The Board of Supervisors and the County of Sonoma has no jurisdiction as to whether a power plant is needed or required. This authority is vested in the California Public Utilities Commission. The Public Utilities Commission held extensive hearings on the question of the establishment of a power plant at Bodega Head and issued a permit for that purpose.

Federal law requires that before any use of atomic energy for peacetime purposes is undertaken a permit be obtained from the Atomic Energy Commission. The Federal law charges the Atomic Energy Commission with responsibility for public safety in connection with any such installation and also thereafter in connection with operation of any such installation.

The law of the State of California also provides administration for regulation of peacetime use of atomic energy, requires permits for operation and provides for safety policing of such atomic energy installation.

The Atomic Energy Commission is comprised of individuals of recognized technical ability and unimpeachable moral character. The technical aspects of such a subject are beyond the average layman's field of knowledge. The Atomic Energy Commission will hold a public hearing to give interested persons the opportunity to be heard in connection with the issuance of a permit by them.

The Atomic Energy Commission has announced that the public hearing will be held in Sonoma County in the near future. At that time all qualified and interested persons will be given the opportunity to make a presentation on matters pertaining to the proposed atomic power plant.

STATEMENT CONCERNING THE PROPOSED PLANT IN
CONNECTION WITH BODEGA Bay AREA DEVELOPMENTS (Cont'd)

As has been the case throughout history, new developments are not accepted by everyone without reservation and sometimes even fear. Our Federal Government has taken precaution to see that peaceful use of atomic energy is properly controlled and the necessary safeguards provided. This Board of Supervisors has faith that the designated representatives of the Federal Government will use the best possible judgment in determining whether the proposed plant is safe and should be constructed and will base their decision on scientific knowledge and facts and not upon fear of the unfamiliar.

Our constitutional form of government is a representative form of government. The Sonoma County Board of Supervisors is elected by and to represent the people of Sonoma County. This Board believes it has the support of the majority of those people for its position in this matter.

Members of the Board are available to their constituents for consultation and advice. The responsibility for policy decision is that of the Board of Supervisors. It based its action upon the best judgment of a majority of its members. Had the Board of Supervisors not made a decision according to its best judgment on the issuance of the site permit, or upon the precise zoning at Bodega Bay, it would have been unable to do its duty.

All persons should judge for themselves all things published and heard in connection with this subject matter, making themselves what is truly in the best interest and what the motivations might be of those who attack the proposed plant.