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The Honorable Tom Ridge
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Nils J. Diaz, Ph.D.
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Washington, D.C. 20555

Dear Mr. Secretary and Dr. Diaz:

I am writing to request an immediate report on the additional precautions that your agencies have taken to increase security at the Indian Point nuclear power plants as a result of the recent decision to heighten the national threat level to High (Orange). Your agencies share a responsibility for safeguarding the health and security of New Yorkers affected by the operation of Indian Point, and should be coordinating closely on this matter.

New Yorkers face perhaps the most alarming threat situation that has existed since the terrible attacks of September 11. Reports following the September 11 attacks indicated that the planes that struck the World Trade Center were believed to have flown over or nearby the Indian Point reactors on their way down the Hudson River. I am hearing from many constituents who quite rightly want to be assured that all the necessary steps that should be taken are being taken.

Secretary Ridge informed the public on December 21st that "the strategic indicators, including Al-Qaeda's continued desire to carry out attacks against our homeland, are perhaps greater now than at any point since September 11, 2001. The information we have indicates that extremists abroad are anticipating near-term attacks that they believe will either rival, or exceed, the attacks that occurred in New York, and the Pentagon and the fields of Pennsylvania nearly two years ago." There "is a constant stream of reporting, that Al-Qaeda continues to consider using aircraft as a weapon. And they are constantly evaluating procedures both in the United States and elsewhere to find gaps in our security posture that could be exploited."

Yesterday, Secretary Ridge provided a public update on the security situation. I was encouraged to hear that surveillance at critical infrastructure sites, including nuclear facilities, has been stepped up during this Orange alert. But Secretary Ridge's comments provide no assurance that measures have been put in place regarding the Indian Point plants specifically to ensure their security by land, water, and, especially, by air.

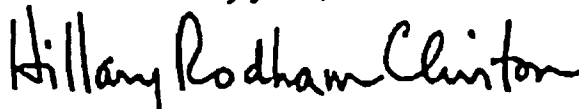
On December 21st, Secretary Ridge outlined various steps that his department had taken in response to instituting an Orange alert. Those steps include sharing specific information with appropriate authorities, discussions with governors, several mayors and other local officials to ensure the adequacy of security measures, and instructions to private sector entities that control

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critical infrastructure. I trust that all of these measures outlined by Secretary Ridge have been taken with respect to Indian Point. I am requesting an immediate report from your agencies on the specific steps that have been taken as a result of the Orange alert that are designed to safeguard the millions of New Yorkers affected by the Indian Point nuclear power plants. The report may be in classified form where necessary.

Thank you for your consideration of this request. I look forward to your prompt response. If you have any questions, please contact Joshua Albert in my office at 202-224-3565 or on his mobile phone at 917-750-4735.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Hillary Rodham Clinton". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Hillary Rodham Clinton

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TITLE: Letter fm Senator Hillary Clinton to Tom Ridge and Chairman Requesting an: Immediate Report on Additional Precautions NRC Has Taken to Increase Security at Indian Point as Result of Recent Decision to Heighten Threat Level to Orange

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