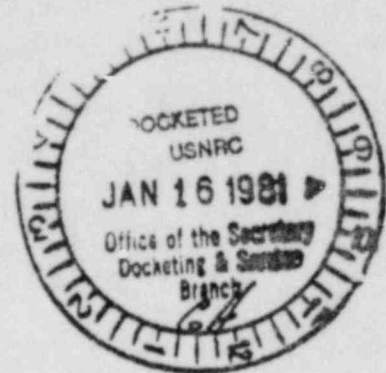


JAN 10, 1981

MR. JOHN F. ANEARN  
CHAIRMAN, NRC  
1717 H STREET, NW  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20555



DEAR SIR,

I AM WRITING TO YOU ON TWO MATTERS  
RELATED TO THE TMI ACCIDENT. ONE  
MATTER IS THE RESTART OF TMI-1\* AND  
THE OTHER IS THE APPARENT RELUCTANCE  
OF THE NRC TO RELEASE THEIR EDUCATION  
COURSE FOR REPORTERS.

I UNDERSTAND HEARINGS ON THE RESTART  
OF TMI-1 BEGAN IN OCTOBER OF LAST YEAR.  
IT IS ALSO MY UNDERSTANDING THAT THIS PLANT  
HAS BEEN READY TO OPERATE FOR SEVERAL  
MONTHS. I FAVOR OPERATION OF THIS PLANT,  
SINCE, AS A CITIZEN OF THIS COUNTRY, I FAVOR  
THE USE OF ANY ENERGY SOURCE WHICH  
WILL REDUCE OUR DEPENDENCE ON EXPENSIVE  
FOREIGN OIL. FURTHER, THE OPERATION OF  
THIS PLANT WILL ~~FURTHER~~ PROVIDE ADDITIONAL  
DEMONSTRATION OF THE INHERENT SAFETY  
LEVEL OF REACTOR DESIGNS AND OPERATING SYSTEMS.

ONE ASPECT OF THE TMI ACCIDENT WHICH  
RECEIVED SOME COMMENT BY ONE OF THE  
KENNEDY COMMISSION MEMBERS FROM PENNSYL-  
VANIA WAS THE ABILITY (OR INABILITY) OF  
MANY MEMBERS OF THE MEDIA TO COMPREHEND

\* DOCKET 50-289 SP  
TME-UNIT 1  
MIDDLETOWN, PA.

8101280064 H

DS02  
P  
111

THE TECHNICAL SIDE OF NUCLEAR ENERGY. SINCE THE WAY THE PUBLIC PERCEIVES A NUCLEAR INCIDENT WILL, TO A LARGE EXTENT, BE INFLUENCED BY THE WAY THE MEDIA REPORTS THE EVENT IT IS IMPERATIVE THAT ACCURATE INFORMATIVE REPORTS REACH THE PUBLIC. AN ACCURATELY INFORMED PUBLIC SHOULD MAKE THE NRC'S JOB MUCH EASIER IF THEY SHOULD HAVE TO DEAL WITH ANOTHER INCIDENT SIMILAR TO TMI. IT THEREFORE SEEMS AN ADVANTAGE BOTH THE PUBLIC AND THE NRC TO IMPROVE THE MEDIA'S UNDERSTANDING OF ~~THE~~ NUCLEAR ENERGY. THEREFORE I URGE YOU TO PUT THIS MEDIA EDUCATION PROGRAM INTO OPERATION.

SINCERELY,

*Bernard Ostermier*

BERNARD OSTERMIER  
20714 TOLSA ST.  
CHATSWORTH CA., 91311