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Mr. John Ahearn, Chairman,
 U. S. Regulatory Nuclear Comm.,
 Washington, D. C.,

Dear Mr. Ahearn:

I am sure that the members of your Commission profess to believe that "we should work through the system". Such counsel on their part - and yours - would carry much more weight with the public if they - and you - would just accept it for yourselves. Instead you vented the Krypton gas without public hearings and in direct rejection of advice by nuclear scientists of world repute and you are planning to dump some three quarters of a million gallons of radioactive water into the drinking-water source of millions of people. In further violation of your vaunted principle of "working within the system" you are about ready to permit the reactivation of Three Mile Island Unit 1 before the investigation and evaluation of it is completed.

I wonder if any of you realize what you are doing when you prostitute the "system" which you counsel us to work within? You are destroying the public faith in that "system". The cynical public then divides into two classes: Class 1 is the "Oh, what in hell is the use?" class and the Class 2 or "We'll make 'em listen" class. It is difficult to argue with their success; the Iranian students got what they wanted didn't they? That wasn't in the U.S? True, but a group of Iowa farmers leading a Federal Judge down the road with a hangman's noose around his neck, looking for a suitable tree was right in the middle of the conservative heartland of America. From this same conservative heartland came the group of Peace Corps workers, frustrated in their altruistic efforts by two governments (one their own) and the Catholic Church, who turned to making terrorist bombs. Most never were apprehended (one turned herself in years later); neither were most of the hundred or so bank robbers in this area in the past two years or the kidnappers (one was framed) because of the large Class 1, those who say, "what's the use" and simply don't give a damn.

That is the great tragedy of America and you are compounding it at Three Mile Island.

Sincerely,

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