



137 S. Clinton Street,
 Detroit, Michigan, 48213,
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Mr. James Ahearne,
 Washington, D.C., 20545

Dear Sir:-

I have read in the papers, and seen on TV, many reports on the 3-Mile Island affair in Pennsylvania. It seems to me, that this whole affair was blown way out of proportion through the media. But of course that is only my personal opinion. But we must remember that the affair was handled very well, no lives were lost, and the Metropolitan Edison Company performed excellently and did a remarkable job in keeping any dangerous elements from affecting the health and welfare of the people of that vicinity. The employees did an admirable job.

But as a result of a government order the plant is shut down entirely, and the company is being compelled to buy much of their electrical needs from outside sources, at a tremendous cost; I believe I read where they are paying around \$500,000 daily for purchased power. This of course will eventually cost the customers of the company in their rates, which seems to be quite unfair to all concerned.

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I am writing to urge you to use your influence to permit Metropolitan Edison to start up the now idle generating unit, which in no way was damaged in the incident. This would result in savings to the customers and the company alike and would in no way endanger the safety of the community. The people living in the vicinity have indicated by a big majority that they have no fears about their safety.

We know nuclear power is safe, because there are many of them in this country and throughout Europe, which have been in operation for many years, with no signs of trouble.

Therefore as a U.S. citizen - taxpayer and resident of Michigan all my life, I ask that you use your influence to permit this Three Mile Island unit to be placed back in production with no more delay. Thank you.

Yours very truly,

Stuart Graham.

P. S. What will you do with the T.V.A. people who had a "nuclear" accident earlier this month?

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