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The Honorable Nunzio J. Palladino
Chairman
Nuclear Regulatory Commission
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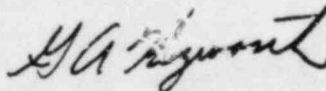
Dear Joe:

This letter is in support of the DoE requested exemption for the Clinch River Breeder Reactor (CRBR).

As, you know, the President in his October 8th Nuclear Energy Policy Statement directed that "... government agencies proceed with the demonstration of breeder reactor technology, including completion of the Clinch River Breeder Reactor." Funds for this purpose have been supported by Congressional action on the FY 82 budget and are also included in the Administration's proposed FY 83 budget. In my view, allowing DoE to proceed with site preparation activities at this time should result in a more timely availability of R&D results from the project. Although there is uncertainty in monetary savings of granting the exemption, further delay could result in substantial added expenses, and could ultimately undermine our prospects for successful completion of the project. It is most important for the U. S. to maintain its leadership in this technology which represents a valuable energy source for the future.

From the standpoint that Congress has funded the program and that the President has directed the completion of the CRBR, the requested exemption is consistent with national policy and the public interest.

Sincerely,



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