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Mr. Thomas Roberts
Commissioner
Nuclear Regulatory Commission
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Dear Mr. Roberts:

Recently I met with Mr. and Mrs. Norman Aamodt of Coatesville, Pennsylvania concerning the Three Mile Island (TMI) nuclear generating plant near Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. As you probably know, Mr. and Mrs. Aamodt have been active intervenors in proceedings before the NRC regarding the 1979 accident at TMI. Their concerns are primarily focused on management issues which may have been the causal factor. I was impressed with the Aamodts as involved citizens whose only interest is that the NRC adequately and fairly hear their arguments, objectively investigate reasonable allegations, and render decisions on the TMI matter which give highest priority to the public health, welfare, and safety.

I am greatly concerned by the serious nature of some of the Aamodt's claims. These include the NRC's handling of the so-called "Hartman matter", the testing and licensing of nuclear plant operators, regulations which, I am told, allow operators to work excessively long periods without break, the adequacy of the newly developed emergency plan for protection of people and property in areas surrounding TMI, and the failure of the NRC to adequately investigate allegations of alarming rates of leukemia in communities surrounding the plant.

I am far from qualified to make a judgement as to the validity of the Aamodt's allegations; such decisions are more appropriately dealt with by the NRC decision making process. Nevertheless, I will watch the NRC's examination of the issues raised by the Aamodts and others regarding TMI in particular, and nuclear power generation in general. All suggestions of error by any and all parties involved in the TMI incident should be carefully examined. One of those parties is, of course, the NRC. I would appreciate being advised of NRC progress in these matters.

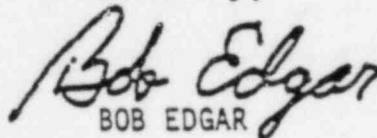
The Aamodts also indicated that they have been experiencing considerable difficulty in gaining access to certain documents relating to the TMI matter. Since the TMI case and its handling by the NRC is of considerable importance both to Pennsylvania and the entire nation, I trust

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that you will take appropriate action to ensure that all interested persons
have access to all materials pertaining to that incident.

Sincerely,


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Investigations Subcommittee of the House Committee on Interior
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Mr. James Asselstine, Commissioner, NRC

Mr. and Mrs. Norman Aamodt