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Mr. N. Palladino
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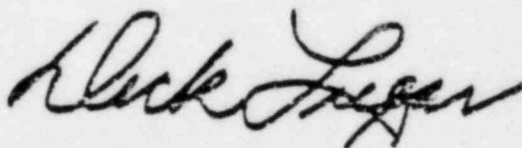
Dear Mr. Palladino:

Because of the desire of this office to be responsive to all inquiries and communications, your consideration of the attached is requested.

Your findings and views, in duplicate form, along with the return of the enclosure, will be greatly appreciated. Please direct your reply to the attention of Diane Moore of my Washington office.

Thank you for your thoughtful attention.

Sincerely,



Richard G. Lugar

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Enclosure

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Dear Sir,

It has been brought to our attention that members on the Regulatory Committee who pass on permits for Nuclear Power plants seem to be very, very hard on utilities. Why?

They seriously hurt Concnrate Gas and Electric when they refused a permit for the Zimmer Plant after it was 98% completed. Now recently they have denied a permit to Commonwealth Edison of Chicago, one of the best run utilities in this country. Indiana has experienced two shutdowns in plants after millions spent in construction. Again why?

In reading - scientists say that there are so many safe guards built in that it makes it virtually impossible to have an accident or fatality. There has not been a fatality anywhere in the world caused by nuclear energy, including fall out.

Russia is building nuclear plants in a short time - 2 to 3 years. It takes the U.S. a much longer time to construct. Why?

power is the cheapest, cleanest,
safest of all energies.

Commonwealth Edison, which generates
50% of its electricity through nuclear
power regards it quite highly. Perhaps
these Regulatory Committee members
should school themselves and learn
from this company.

I'd be most appreciative of your
consideration of this letter and refer
it to the proper persons.

Our country is a great country
and can be even greater if only all
people in Washington work toward
its betterment. It seems that sometimes
things get so petty that it results in
a "tear down" rather than a constructive
"build up."

Our hope that all in Washington
work toward a better America regardless
of affiliation. It isn't an impossibility,
is it?

Thank you,

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