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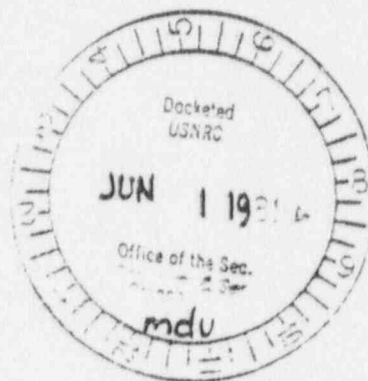
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Congressional Liaison  
Nuclear Regulatory Commission  
1717 E Street, NW  
Washington, D.C. 20555



Dear Congressional Liaison:

A constituent has written me concerning a matter which falls within the jurisdiction of your agency.

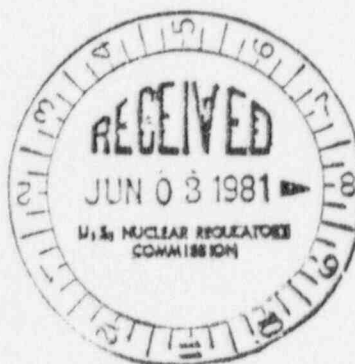
I refer this matter to your office for a preliminary examination. I would appreciate receiving your comments, in duplicate, together with the return of the correspondence.

Your attention to this matter is appreciated.

Sincerely,

*John C. Danforth*  
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Senator John Danforth  
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Dear Senator Danforth

It has come to my attention that the Nuclear Regulatory Commission is proposing a new set of regulations governing the process by which the public is allowed to participate in the ~~process by which~~ license application review process for a new nuclear power plant. Public participation in this process is of the utmost importance. There is no other means by which the public can provide input into the decision that has such a potentially devastating effect on the lives of citizens. The newly proposed regulations - covering - among other things - the rights of discovery in pre license procedures ~~and~~ the licensing of plants prior to full hearings and the role of the review board in presenting evidence, seriously limits the public's ability to interact meaningfully in the hearings. It is odd, is it not that an administration that claims to be opposed to the burdens on personal liberty inflicted by government regulations - uses that same regulatory process to ~~to~~ further restrict the public's right to be informed of and supply evidence about these

the hearings in effect rubber stamping mockeries of an allegedly democratic process. We have learned from the events at 3 mile island that the NRC alone can not be trusted to act in the best interests of all the people. These new regulations must not be put into effect. I strongly urge that you do all in your power to prevent their enactment. You have many constituents who live in the area of potential contamination from the Callaway County plant. Without adequate public input in the hearing procedures, these people would have been absolutely disenfranchised vis à vis the plant's construction.

Washington seems at the moment to be caught up in a dangerous submission to the Executive branch. In this matter as in others, the administration is attempting to use executive authority to circumvent the powers of the legislature. That the Budget process is being used to draft social and foreign policy is clearly an abuse of power. I have sufficient confidence in the strength of our institutions to believe that our elected representatives will not long countenance such actions. This matter of NRC regulations, ~~say~~ or the dangerous and misguided executive actions in El Salvador <sup>should</sup> ~~say~~ provide the Congress ~~with~~ <sup>with</sup> issues worthy of ~~as~~ a referendum to the Executive judgement. The alternative is,

the Johnson & Nixon administrations. I pray to God  
that the nation does not have to endure that sort  
of abjectness again.

Respectfully  
F. Lee Jones