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The Honorable Ivan Selin
Chairman
Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington, DC 20555

Dear Chairman Selin:

The Nuclear Medicine and Radiation Oncology professional community is obviously concerned whenever antinuclear hysteria, misrepresentation, and slander are aimed at our professional performance. The particularly lurid series of articles by the Cleveland Plain Dealer, published Dec. 13-17, 1992 in five parts, not unexpectedly falls into this category.

What is unusual about this series is not the hackneyed "expose" nature of this drivel, but the willing role certain members of NRC appear to be playing in compounding the ignorance, distortion, and untruthfulness of the material presented. Various NRC allegations are not only unfounded and insulting to us, but contribute to the perception which the Plain Dealer is espousing that the NRC has failed to establish appropriate radiation protection oversight in medicine. Whatever the differences of opinion between NRC and the knowledgeable professional medical community as to the appropriateness of NRC's regulatory program there is no question in our minds, and there should be none in yours, that NRC's radiation protection program has any laxity whatsoever.

We feel that a press release must be issued which answers the Plain Dealer's hysteria with solid, factual, superb quality scientific and medical information and explanation. We feel that if the medical community worked with NRC staff and management to create such a quality document, we would be able to vindicate our professional record and your radiation protection oversight at the same time, a mutually beneficial outcome. Our concept is that the document would come out under your name.

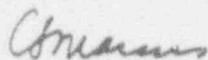
If you do not wish to participate in such a joint effort, we will prepare such a document ourselves, but will, of necessity, be forced to discuss the inappropriateness of certain NRC actions and statements. We will strive thereby to vindicate ourselves, but not NRC. We believe that a joint effort, would be preferable, by far, to the second.

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We are rather surprised at the overt participation and attention that NRC has displayed concerning this rather ordinary example of antinuclear rubbish, and wonder why that is so when NRC so totally ignores similar nonsense about the nuclear power industry and NRC's competence in its regulation. We have some very deep concerns about NRC's motivation here, and hope to explore that when we next communicate.

A response is respectfully requested before December 31, 1992.

Sincerely,



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