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July 22, 1985

The Honorable Nunzio J. Palladino
Chairman
Nuclear Regulatory Commission
1717 H Street
Washington, D.C. 20555

Dear Chairman Palladino:

As you know, I have long been concerned about the security of nuclear power reactors in the United States. Recent events in the Middle East raise concerns about the adequacy of our protective measures. In particular, I am concerned about whether additional measures need to be taken to protect against terrorist attacks using large, vehicular bombs.

The Commission is invited to appear and testify at a Subcommittee hearing, on this subject, which is scheduled to begin at 11:00 a.m. on July 31, 1985, in a room to be announced. The Subcommittee would also like to invite the Executive Director for Operations, Mr. William H. Dircks, and Mr. Robert F. Burnett, Director of the Division of Safeguards to attend the hearing.

The Subcommittee will meet in Executive Session. The Subcommittee would like to be briefed by the NRC staff on: (1) the recent Sandia studies evaluating the vulnerability of selected NRC licensed facilities to vehicle-borne bombs; and, (2) the options for improving the protective measures at NRC licensed facilities. After the briefing, the Subcommittee will ask the Commissioners to address the policy question of what level of protection to require at domestic nuclear facilities.

While your detailed written statement for insertion in the hearing record may be of any length you deem appropriate, it should be double-spaced. You are also requested to submit a one-page summary of your written statement.

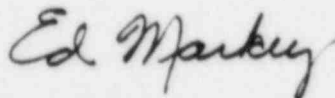
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In accordance with Committee rules, witnesses scheduled to testify should deliver 18 copies of their written and summary statements to the Subcommittee by 10:00 a.m. on July 29, 1985.

If you have any inquiry concerning your hearing appearance, please contact William J. Manning (202) 226-2424 of the Subcommittee staff.

Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ed Markey".

Edward J. Markey
Chairman

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