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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION
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May 29, 1985

Mr. John E. Ryan
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Dear Mr. Ryan:

This is in response to your letter of April 15, 1985. Please excuse the delay in responding. Your letter requests that the Office of Investigations, Region I, send you a copy of the investigative report concerning Niagara Mohawk's Nine Mile Point, Unit 2 facility.

Unfortunately, we cannot release this information arbitrarily. In order for you to receive the information requested, it will be necessary for you to file a FOIA (Freedom of Information Act) Request with the NRC's Division of Rules and Records. You may submit your request to:

Mr. Joe Felton, Director
Division of Rules and Records
Office of Administration
U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington, D. C. 20555

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "R. Keith Christopher", is written over a horizontal line.

R. Keith Christopher, Director
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Hon. Ronald W. Reagan
President
The White House
Washington, D. C. 20500

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IMPORTANT
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Public Interest

Dear Mr. President:

Please forgive my audacity in addressing you personally on a matter of some urgency. I hope I'm not being impertinent in recalling my past associations with you. Thirty years ago, in 1955 to be exact, we were working for the same employer, the General Electric Company. We did two commercials together on the G. E. Heater. As you may recall, the filming was done in a studio in Princeton, New Jersey.

In 1980 when I worked for the Republican National Committee, under Bill Brock, I was assigned to the 'targeted' Congressional campaign for Stan Parris, where we raised over a half-million dollars. I was his Finance Chairman. The Reagan-Bush headquarters was in our district of Virginia and I worked closely with your PAC committees. And in 1981, I served as Director - Ticket Operations on your inaugural, (see attached).

In 1982, I left government service to accept a position with a large power company in New York State.

My reason for writing you directly is born of frustration and futility. In my activities with the utility, I joined with three other professional men to conduct an audit of a nuclear power plant under construction, in behalf of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission. We uncovered many problems that could have long-range serious implications on the safe operation of the plant when it starts up. These problems are akin to those that were discovered as the root causes for the problems at Three Mile Island...very likely *more serious* because this plant is *much bigger* than Three Mile Island!

Our efforts to effect recognition of these problems and the ultimate corrective action resulted in retaliation by the utility's management and one of the contractors. The audit team members were harassed and intimidated constantly for one and a half years. When all available and reasonable internal efforts failed to resolve this problem, in self-defense the auditors launched a Federal lawsuit, citing the appropriate federal statutes in violation. At issue here is the Employee Protection Provisions of the Energy Reorganization Act (42 U.S.C. §5851).

Hon. Ronald W. Reagan, President (continued)

At the beginning of our efforts, the NRC's Office of Investigations and Enforcement conducted an intensive investigation in 1984 lasting several months. The investigation was completed in December 1984 and the report was ready for release in April 1985! However, repeated contacts with the NRC revealed that the final report is being re-written by parties who had not even participated in the investigation. NRC Chairman Palladino has been informed of this, but he has been non-responsive and the report remains unpublished to this date.

In January 1985, the Department of Labor was informed of our plight via proper procedures in the regulations contained in Title 29, Part 24, Code of Federal Regulations under Public Law 95-601, Section 210 of the Energy Reorganization Act (42 U.S.C. §5851). However, here too we found a reluctance to react in a timely or appropriate manner. A forty-five day turnaround procedure as stipulated by law for the DOL to act, has now been stretched into nine months with no substantive remedy in sight.

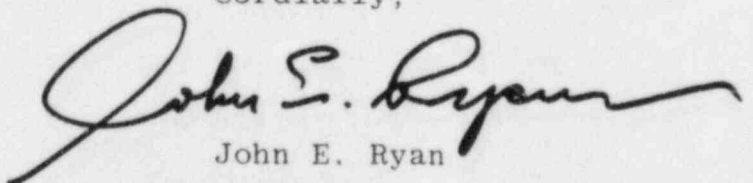
I addressed this issue directly to Secretary of Labor Bill Brock on June 12 and 19 of this year and this resulted in an "Order of Remand" from Bill on August 1, 1985. While I'm pleased with the effectiveness of Bill's action, I am skeptical as to the final outcome unless the Secretary monitors this (Case No. 85-ERA-24) closely. I am now scheduled for a hearing on September 30, 1985 - nine months later!

I am soliciting your personal intervention in this matter, since every direct effort to the NRC and, until recently, the Department of Labor, has resulted in procrastinations and rebuff. The NRC is purposefully withholding an investigative report, which is very much in the public interest on an extremely serious issue. This report will impact directly on the September 30th DOL hearing and should be released in proper form before that date.

Mr. President, I am respectfully requesting Executive intercession in the public interest and in the interest of Justice for me and my co-auditors. I request the expeditious release of the NRC report and a fair and impartial hearing by the U. S. Department of Labor.

Thank you for your kind attention. My best wishes for continued success in your administration. Our prayers are with you for good health and happiness to you and your family.

Cordially,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "John E. Ryan". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "J" and a long, sweeping underline.

John E. Ryan

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Attachment



*Presidential Inaugural Committee
1981*

*Certificate of Appreciation
to*

John Ryan

*In recognition of your unique participation and outstanding service
which contributed to the success of the
Inauguration of*

*President Ronald Wilson Reagan
and*

Vice President George Herbert Walker Bush

*Your support and spirit of true cooperation made this historic event
a memorable one for all Americans who join together for*

A Great New Beginning

*The City of Washington - District of Columbia
January 20, 1981*

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*Richard H. Gray
Co. Chairman*



Charles F. Wick

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON
February 26
1981

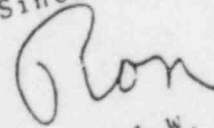
Dear John:

I learned from Ed Meese of your work in the campaign and the favor you did for him on the Inaugural. Ed told me that you and I did two T.V. commercials together while we worked for the same General Electric Company in the mid 1950's. I do remember you and the studio in Patterson, New Jersey.

Your assignment to NASA is good news. It will be some time yet before we can confirm a NASA Administrator but when we do, I trust that you will be part of the ceremonies. We will have a photo taken together at that time. In the meantime here is a signed one that you can use for your office.

Many thanks for your help to get us here and good luck to you in the Administration at NASA.

Sincerely,



Ronald W. Reagan
President

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