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Dear Mr. Selby:

I read Lester DeKoster's editorial on the Three Mile incident with interest. I liken it to the story of the 727, a few months ago, that fell many thousands of feet after a piece of material broke off. The plane, after scaring the passengers half to death, was finally able to be controlled by a very brave pilot, and disaster was averted.

Then, a little over a month later, a DC-10 dissolved into a field near Chicago. This brings up the question of technology and the invention and manufacture of man-made products. The R & D for such planes are very impressive, and the passenger safety mile is also very good, but, alas, we have products made by man and his so-called advanced technology. What I am saying is, when man designs a technology to produce power, it is a man-made technology, and subject to error. The Three Mile incident was the 727 that averted disaster, but the next incident, wherever it might be, might be the DC-10 variety.

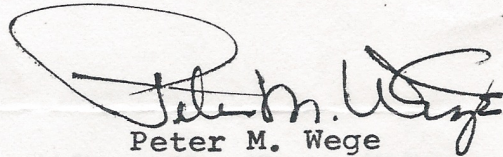
Therefore, it behooves mankind to stop for an instance, in its mad flight into power and energy technology, to assess the repercussions of the resultant waste products, and the safe handling of this material. No one has successfully proven to the government or to the private citizens that the waste of nuclear weapons and energy production would not produce a catastrophic backlash of radiation which could render thousands of square miles of our beautiful America a wasteland forever. This is the Jekyll and Hyde problem that faces us, and frivolous writers who have not done their home work cannot sway me or other intelligent people into believing that nuclear power is the panacea of the future.

I would recommend a moratorium on the building of any-more nuclear power plants until we have developed the science and technology of dealing with the nuclear wastes in a fail-safe method.

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I think Mr. DeKoster should read the factual research materials which are available to an interested public, and adjust his thinking to the truth which is available to him.

Sincerely,



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