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Dear Mrs. Sinclair:

Thanks for your phone call and for bringing me up-to-date on recent developments concerning the proposed Midland Atomic Power Plant.

Under separate cover I am sending you some additional reprints and, in response to your request, I am sending you herewith two summaries of my professional background.

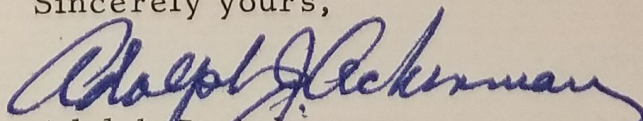
It is becoming quite apparent that throughout the country the atomic power plant program is in serious trouble. Furthermore, it is important to differentiate between the functions and responsibilities of the Atomic Safety & Licensing Boards on the one hand, and the responsibilities of the utility company Board of Directors on the other hand. The questions of company policy and of risk-taking are left entirely in the hands of the utility companies and their Boards of Directors. The ASLB is not concerned with such matters but is primarily concerned with the peril of radioactivity as defined by certain "legal" criteria.

This situation creates a vacuum in the area of responsibility which the Board of Directors has not seen fit to encompass within its scope of responsibility. And yet the real confrontation must take place on such issues with the Directors.

This in itself is a major subject on which further discussion is needed, and perhaps even develop some kind of direct confrontation with the Directors. There are several ways of handling this, but it would probably be advisable to discuss this matter more fully with you and your group in a personal conference. If you should find this of interest you could phone me and we can work out a suitable date for a meeting.

With best wishes, I am,

Sincerely yours,

  
Adolph J. Ackerman

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