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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

March 11, 1994

Mrs. Lillian Gundersen
1245 Wheatsheaf Road
Roselle, NJ 07203

Dear Mrs. Gundersen:

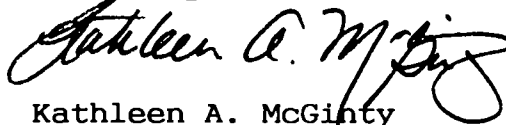
Thank you for your letter about your son and the problems he has encountered from the Nuclear Regulatory Commission. It was good to hear from you.

Secretary of Energy Hazel O'Leary and I believe that people like your son can help insure that the federal government runs effectively.

I am forwarding your information to the Office of the Secretary at the Department of Energy for their review and response. I am confident that your concerns will be given every consideration.

Again, thank you for sharing this information with me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kathleen A. McGinty", with a large, stylized flourish at the end.

Kathleen A. McGinty
Director, White House Office on
Environmental Policy

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January 15, 1994

Office Sec
at 10:00

Ms. Kathleen Mc Ginty
Old Executive Bldg, Box 358
Washington, D.C. 20501

Dear Ms. McGinty:

Re: Arnold Gundersen
(Nuclear Whistle Blower)

I am enclosing a letter I wrote to Vice President Gore regarding my Son, Arnold Gundersen, who is a Nuclear Whistle Blower from Ct.

I received a response from Bill Mason, who is Director of Correspondence for Al Gore, which I thought was absolutely ridiculous! I could not believe that I would ever get such a response on such a serious matter.

I am sending you a copy of the original letter I sent Vice President Gore and a copy of the reply I received. I am also enclosing a copy of the letter I just wrote back to Mr. Mason.

I would appreciate it very much if you would read these letters and let me know if there is anything you can do to help in this matter.

Thank you very much.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Lillian Gundersen
Mrs. Lillian Gundersen

Re: Arnold Gundersen
144 Above All Road
Warren, Ct., 06754
Phone: 1-203-868-9310

cc: Mr. Mac McLarty
White House Chief of Staff

January 15, 1994

Vice President Al. Gore
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Ave.,
Washington, D.C., 20500

Attention of: Mr. Bill Mason
Director of Correspondence

Re: Arnold Gundersen

Dear Mr. Mason:

This is in reference to the letter I received from you dated Dec. 15th.

I can not believe that you would answer my letter with such a response! It is simply ridiculous! You certainly are not in touch with reality! This is a typical form letter any one would get if they just stubbed their toe on a neighbors' Protruding Sidewalk or tree root and was suing for damages.

We are talking here of the Big, Powerful Government Agency called N.R.C. (Nuclear Regulatory Commission).

My letter was addressed to the Vice President of the United States and it is very obvious that he has not read it! He is an avid environmentalist, I have heard, so I want HIM to read this letter. Will you please see that HE does!

I am enclosing a copy of my original letter to the Vice President in case the first one was disposed of.

Thank You.

Sincerely,

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cc: Mr. Mac McLarty
White House Chief of Staff
&

Ms. Kathleen McGinty
Director White House Off. of Environmental Policy.



OFFICE OF THE VICE PRESIDENT
WASHINGTON

December 15, 1993

*Copy of
Mr. Mason's
reply to my
letter to all*

Ms. Lillian Gundersen
1245 Wheatsheaf Road
Roselle, New Jersey 07203

Dear Ms. Gundersen:

Thank you for taking the time to write and ask Vice President Gore for assistance with the very serious situation that you described. I am pleased to have this opportunity to respond to you.

I regret that you have encountered these difficulties, and I hope that an appropriate resolution of the matter can be found soon. It appears that the solution to your situation is most likely to be found through legal means. I encourage you to consult with an attorney of your choice to determine the best course of action available to you.

Once again, thank you for turning to this office with this matter.

Sincerely,

Bill Mason
Director of Correspondence

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September 20, 1993

Vice President Al. Gore
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, D.C., 20500

Re: Arnold Gundersen

Dear Vice President Gore:

My Son, Arnold Gundersen, is a Nuclear Whistle Blower from Connecticut. Senator Lieberman of Ct., has been very supportive in getting the NRC to investigate allegations he made after he found safety violations at his company. He worked for Nuclear Energy Services, (NES) in Ct. He was Senior Vice President and was fired after he correctly identified those safety violations. This was three years ago.

Since then there have been many words and volumes of paper used -- to no avail. On May 6th there was a Senate meeting in the Dirksen Office Building in Washington, regarding this matter. Senator Glen, Senator Lieberman, and many other Senators were in attendance. Many of them gave Arnold commendations stating that he did the "right thing". However, I'm sorry to say, nothing came of it. It was just all words again!

Now, the NRC has supposedly completed its investigations and has done a "horrific Character Assassination" on Arnold. There are over 200 un-truths in the papers, which he is now rebutting.

This young man had his career destroyed, lost his house, has to declare bankruptcy -- all because he did what he was supposed to do! Of course he's not as powerful as the NRC, so they don't care. They are just trying to save their necks and push this all under the rug -- who cares if Arnold Gundersen is under there too!! They can't let something like Nuclear Power be in jeopardy!

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I'll/you, if anyone out there speaks out about a malfunction in Nuclear power --- they are crazy!!!
They should just take their paycheck and keep their mouth shut!

I never thought I'd say that, but when I see what's happening to Arnold just for doing the "right thing", I'm ashamed of our Country. When this can happen to a man with a Master's Degree in Nuclear Energy, top of his class (Rensselaer), Eagle Scout ---- there's definitely something wrong! And he is not alone, there are many other Whistle Blowers out there going through the same turmoil.

Now, what do we do? Everything is hushed up. We never hear anything on national TV -- although some TV stations have told Arnold that they were going to air the story on all Whistle Blowers

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and what happens to them. One station came to his house with cameras and took pictures and interviewed him, and promised to air it. But I guess it's "too hot" to handle.

Well, Mr. Vice President, that's what's happening. Where do we go from here? More words and volumes of paper, and for what?

I hope you will read this letter, Mr. Vice President, and see what you can do to help him. If our Country can help everybody else in the world, we certainly should be able to help our own people when they are doing something good for us! Perhaps Three Mile Island and Chernoble would not have happened if there were more people like Arnold Gundersen; people who had the courage to stand up for their principles and for their fellow citizens.

Thank You.

P.S. Since you are an avid Environmentalist I thought you'd be especially interested in this and surely try to help.

Thanks again!

Sincerely,


Lillian Gundersen

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

March 4, 1994

Mr. Lyle Glowka
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Dear Mr. Glowka:

Thank you for your letter and the information you enclosed regarding "The Convention on Biological Diversity." It was good to hear from you.

As you know, I am dedicated to the preservation of our earth's natural resources. I appreciate receiving a draft of your recent work.

As requested, I am forwarding a copy of the CEQ's most recent publication on biological diversity. I hope that it will prove helpful to your project. If I can be of further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Again, thank you for sharing your information with me.

Sincerely,

Kathleen A. McGinty
Director, White House Office on
Environmental Policy

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Bonn, 18 January 1994

Ms Kathryn McGinty
Environmental Policy Director
The White House
Washington, DC
U.S.A.

Dear Ms McGinty,

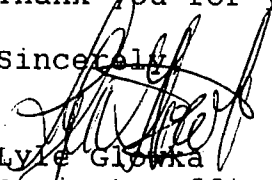
I am currently revising the first draft of the IUCN Explanatory Guide to the Convention on Biological Diversity. The Guide has commentary on environmental impact assessment.

I have been out of the country for a number of months and therefore I am not sure whether the Council on Environmental Quality still exists. In any event, I hope that you can send me a copy of a recent CEQ publication on biological diversity and environmental impact assessment. The publication could give me some very useful insight which I could then incorporate into the Guide.

For your information, I have enclosed a copy of the Guide's first draft. It was distributed for comment at the first meeting of the Inter governmental Committee for the Convention on Biological Diversity.

Thank you for your help.

Sincerely,


Lyle Glowka
Projects Officer
(Biological Diversity)

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