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The Honorable Dr. William Ruckelshaus
Environment Protection Agency
1129 20th Street, N.W.
Washington, D. C. 20036

Dear Dr. Ruckelshaus:

I am writing to urge you to declare a moratorium on the construction and operation of thermal-electric power plants in the Southwest, at least until such time as technology devises means to control emitted pollutants to a higher degree of efficiency than is as yet feasible, and until the utilities consortium is willing to install such devises.

I urge you also to support the immediate adoption of the most rigorous emission standards for power generation plants in this southwestern area. Environmental quality must not be sacrificed for the inappropriate use of power by shortsighted over-populated industrial communities.

Moreover, I am taking the liberty of enclosing a copy of a letter I wrote to Senator Muskie on the general subject of pollution control.

Yours respectfully,

Elton Rabin

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