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Dear Sir:

In response to your letter of December 17, 1975, I find the proposed plan (NOTICES 55225--55230) is seriously defective in a number of respects. Although it is supposed to be an instrument for dialogue, it reads from start to finish like the blueprint for an ERDA public relations campaign. The AEC used the device of "educational" campaigns in colleges and elsewhere to promote its policies and this is much the same thing.

Specifically:

(1) Nowhere in the document is there a distinction made between "education" and "propaganda". Nowhere is there any provision for guaranteeing the first and not the second.

(2) There is no public-dominated group monitoring the ERDA public relations releases outlined in the text. There is no machinery for anyone but ERDA to disseminate the material. There is no provision for dissenting opinions. There is nothing whatever to stop this from being an ERDA public relations operation.

(3) Nothing could better illustrate this total disinterest in genuine dialogue than the language that is used in the text. It is full of jargon and obviously is not addressed to the general public. This is: how you "interface".

(4) I have a specific grievance in the way in which ERDA handled the review of the work of Dr. Bertell: It was indistinguishable from standard AEC denegration of critics. No attempt was made to understand the important message that she was trying to communicate. Now let's see what you do about this grievance (See your staff for further details).

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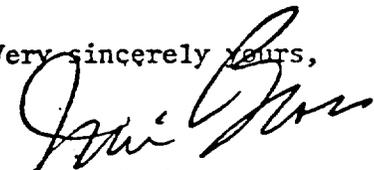
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As you can see I have given a range of criticisms from very general to very specific. This is a test of whether ERDA is really prepared to use any kind of criticism. (not just answer it).

Very sincerely yours,


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