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Dear Matt:

Enclosed with this letter is a "Statement of Purpose" of the newly-formed Committee for Nuclear Responsibility. I have agreed to serve, with Mrs. Lenore Marshall and former Senator Charles Goodell, as a co-chairman of this Committee. This letter is written with the hope that you will consider joining the Board of Directors of the Committee for Nuclear Responsibility.

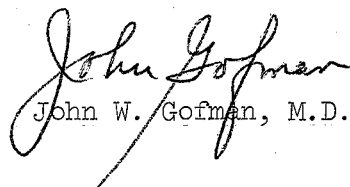
I am well aware that a profusion of "organizations" is by no means tantamount to a solution of the problems which lead to their formation. Yet, my experience over the past year has indicated the serious need for public information and public action concerning threats to society and its welfare, both from the "peaceful" and "military" atom. There is an opportunity and a need for the Committee to address itself to these threats in a constructive manner.

All of us have numerous pressing commitments. Therefore, I wish to emphasize that your participation on the Board would be welcomed with full realization that your contributions of time and effort would be strictly limited to those you deem worthwhile. Further, the Committee will take no public positions on these matters which commit your support of such positions unless you are fully in accord. All printed information provided by the Committee will be carefully documented and signed by the author.

Lastly, I am also aware that a variety of endeavors are underway which address themselves to one or another aspect of the nuclear hazard problem. The Committee will try to cooperate with and assist such endeavors, rather than to compete with them.

I hope you will join the Board of Directors of the Committee for Nuclear Responsibility.

Sincerely yours,


John W. Gofman, M.D.

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Enc: "Statement of Purpose"