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Honorable Glenn T. Seaborg
Chairman
Atomic Energy Commission
Washington, D. C. 20545

Dear Mr. Chairman:

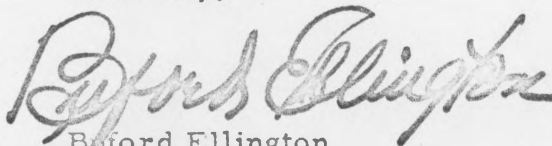
You will recall that the Federal Reconstruction and Development Planning Commission for Alaska prepared a report to the President titled "Response to Disaster." Among the recommendations found in this report was the following:

"Review Federal aid policies for hazardous areas. It is impossible and often undesirable to avoid private or public construction in all areas in which there may be some slight risk of a future disaster. However, in those areas which engineers or scientists regard as particularly hazardous, Federal policies ought not to encourage further development. To do so is to help perpetuate an unnecessary risk to life and property."

This recommendation was assigned to the Office of Emergency Planning for action. We, in turn, entered into a contract with the Public Administration Service to conduct the review. The attached report has been submitted in fulfillment of that contract.

Your views on the report will be welcomed. Attention is invited particularly to pages 29 through 33 inclusive, which contain a series of recommendations for possible Federal action.

Sincerely,



Buford Ellington
Director

Attachment