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Occupation: Travel Agent

INTERVIEWER: When did you first hear about the Three Mile Island Incident?

NARRATOR: Oh, I think we heard it in here when Harry had a phone call from Harrisburg saying that there was a problem.

INT: From the AAA?

NAR: No, I think it was from his wife. I go back—you know, it's been a while-- but I sort of remember, I think that's where we, I heard it first.

INT: Did you know that there was a reactor at Three Mile Island before?

NAR: No, I didn't.

INT: Not at all?

NAR: No. I wasn't conscious of it at all. Isn't that terrible?

INT: Did you know about the one in Peach Bottom?

NAR: Yes, when they said Peach Bottom, yes but not... I realized there was one there but not at Three Mile Island.

INT: Do you know how far the reactor at TMI is from us?

NAR: Well, now. If you want to say how many miles to Harrisburg you can go from anywhere fifteen to twenty depending on where you are going so it has to be in that, Middletown. It is outside of Middletown. I would say twenty.

INT: When you first heard about it, Harry told you.

NAR: Mmhm.

INT: What did you think about it then?

NAR: I didn't panic at all. I didn't, I didn't think. I really didn't panic at all. I just didn't think... Everybody was talking about going somewhere, what we would do, you know. I figured I was going to stay out there in RD 6. That's where I was going to stay... I have neighbors who have a farm and I thought about them. I thought about the cows. And they sort of depend on me, you know, they look after me, they look after the house and the farm – I have three acres there. And I, I think I worried a little bit about them, as to what would happen there. They're regular farmers who go to the barn at four

o'clock in the afternoon, till six, and then early in the morning at four they go to milk the cows, you see. And my, I think my main concern was what would do they do, you see? I didn't think about myself. I didn't worry about that. That was no problem.

INT: Do you have any children?

NAR: No.

INT: So there wasn't...

NAR: No. I have a sister who lives in Boiling Springs across from Allenberry but she was visiting and she wasn't around here. And I did have a niece, I do have a niece in Carlisle. And I, of course, did naturally think about Emily. But I didn't panic. I mean, I'm not one of those folk who did that.

INT: When you first heard about it, did you try to seek out any further information about what was going on?

NAR: No, we just... Everything came in here. I mean that was all, no, no, I didn't, only from what we heard in this office, you see.

INT: Where did you hear about it next? Did you get an official bulletin of what was going on from the AAA in Harrisburg or did you hear it on the radio or what?

NAR: On the radio and TV.

INT: Did you ever think it was a serious situation?

NAR: I knew it could be serious. Yes, I knew it could be serious. But I just figured well let it, what happens, happens. I had no thought about leaving or anything like that. But I didn't know it was serious, yes. It could be serious, let's say, it could be serious.

INT: When did you start thinking it was more serious?

NAR: I don't think I... It seems to me, didn't some people go out and get gas in their car. Was that...? I think we put gas in our car, but whether-- I didn't intend to go anywhere, I'll tell you that. I just wasn't, I'm not. I just wasn't going to go anywhere. I'd just stay here. And if it was-- If it came this far, why so what. That was my philosophy. I don't worry about, each day at a time.

INT: Did you talk about it with your friends, and your family, and your co-workers?

NAR: Yes, I did make calls. In fact I made a call to my sister who was in Des Moines visiting. I called her and told her what had happened, what was, what was. I listened to the radio. Yeah, I remember we had the radio on all this. Well, of course we had the

radio on here you see. Your whole live sort of revolves around this office. And the radio was on here so we knew everything.

INT: What station did you listen to?

NAR: Harrisburg, WHYL. That's Carlisle, isn't it?

INT: That is in Carlisle.

NAR: Yeah, it is a Harrisburg. What Ron Drake's on. What's...?

INT: WHP?

NAR: WHP, that's what I have on all the time.

INT: Because of Ron Drake or...?

NAR: No, no, no. I just automatically turn that on. I turn one station on. I don't dial around and get other stations.

INT: Do you listen to it for the news or for the music or...?

NAR: News.

INT: So you had that playing here all day?

NAR: Yeah.

INT: Did you advise your sister to stay out in Des Moines for a while or...?

NAR: No.

INT: Was she come back imminently or was she going to be staying out there anyway?

NAR: No, she was going to stay there.

INT: So she stayed there throughout the entire incident?

NAR: Yeah. Mmhm.

INT: How did people react here to this information?

NAR: Well, I think we did pass out a lot of maps. And people would come in, you know. What do you mean here?

INT: Well here in the office, say to begin with. And then clients who came in.

NAR: Well, Darrel. Of course he has young children, you see. He, well of course he told you that. He left. I can't say that any of us thought-- Doris wasn't leaving. I wasn't leaving. Harold wasn't leaving. So none of us, nobody else left. We just stayed here.

INT: Were people nervous about it at all or...?

NAR: I don't think so, mm-mm. I wasn't.

INT: How about clients that came in?

NAR: Oh, I don't remember really very much about-- I don't think they were nervous. There was some came in for traveler's checks, you know.

INT: Yeah, Harry mentioned that you were cleaned out.

NAR: Yeah, that's right, mm-hmm.

INT: Did that happen very quickly or when were you selling the checks? Do you remember what day that was?

NAR: I don't remember that.

INT: But was it fairly early on? Was it Thursday or Friday?

NAR: Yeah, it was right after it happened. It was then, yeah.

INT: Before the weekend? Because it happened on Wednesday when it occurred and then news came out Thursday and Friday.

NAR: I would have been right around that time, I think. Yeah.

INT: So, it would have been before the weekend?

NAR: Yeah.

INT: Because you are closed on Saturday and Sunday.

NAR: That's right.

INT: So, by Monday you didn't have any traveler's checks left at all?

NAR: I believe that was right. I don't really remember that now.

INT: Do you remember how many dollars worth of traveler's checks it might be?

NAR: Oh no.

INT: Could you find out? Would that be possible to know just how many? Just in terms of how much more business you did right then as opposed to the same amount of business that was done in normal, normal times?

NAR: I just imagine they do have a record of the traveler's checks that are passed out. I'm sure they do. But whether it was that big of an amount I doubt it very much.

INT: Who should I ask about that? Because that would be the kind of information I would like to know.

NAR: Okay, maybe Dad might do that for you. Check and see. Or maybe Harry will do it for you.

INT: Good, I can talk to Harry then.

NAR: Ask Harry, he can look that up.

INT: Harry Cheadle?

NAR: Yeah.

INT: Okay, good. He'll look that up. Were you passing out more maps than usual?

NAR: The people were coming in and picking up maps.

INT: Maps for evacuation routes?

NAR: That's right. Every, you know, come in and want a map. We'd ask them where they were going. They were going somewhere, you know. But--

INT: What did they say? Did they say they were thinking of leaving or just in case they were leaving or...?

NAR: Yeah, there are people who panicked and would go and they'd come in for a map.

INT: Were people on their way, actually, when they came in for maps or were they just sort of thinking about it?

NAR: Just thinking about it, I think. I don't remember really. You just hand out the map, you know. You don't generally ask people unless it is somebody you know or something like that.

INT: Or somebody who homes around you all the time the way I do.

NAR: (chuckles)

INT: You got to know me pretty well pretty quickly.

NAR: Right. Yep.

INT: Did you pay any more attention to the news than usual?

NAR: Well, I like the news and when I go home at night time I generally will watch the news from six to seven. See that's my pattern. During the winter I'll do that. In the summer I prefer to be out anyway. But that's the first thing I do when I go home, is to turn the TV on and get the news, you see. And in the morning I turn the radio on and get the news. So, and I go home at noontime to read the Philadelphia Inquirer. So, you see that is important.

INT: But were you paying more attention even than that?

NAR: No, not more.

INT: Not more. How do you think that the media handled the situation? The TMI situation?

NAR: It seems to me it was pretty much of a mess over there, wasn't it? If I remember correctly it was hard to get accurate information. But I don't know. I really...

INT: Do you have any opinion on the way the government handled the situation over there? Government agencies, say like the NRC or the Governor's Office or anything like that?

NAR: Not really. It's politics. I don't know.

INT: Do you feel like they did a good job at all? Do you feel like they kept you informed of what was going on?

NAR: Well, every once in a while you read something where you felt that they really didn't keep you informed. I don't know whether they did or not.

INT: Are you upset at all at their...?

NAR: I don't know what you can do about it.

INT: Well how about the industry, for instance? Metropolitan Edison. That runs TMI.

NAR: Well, if they start raising their price then I am going to be unhappy. I'm Metropolitan Edison out there... I don't know. They should know they should know

what they are doing, don't you think? (short chuckle) I don't know. You have to trust some people.

INT: Yeah.

NAR: And I guess I'm too trusting. I mean I figure that they should know what they are doing.

INT: Do you feel like you misplaced your trust in some sense? Like you trusted them and they let you down?

NAR: Not really. I don't know whether they did or not.

INT: Well do you think that they were in control of the situation out there at Three Mile Island? At that time did you think that they were in control of what was going on?

NAR: Well, I thought they were. Yes, certainly, they should have.

INT: Even during the crisis time?

NAR: Yeah, they should have.

INT: How about now? Do you think they are in control of it now? I mean subsequent to all this? Do you think they are in control?

NAR: I would think they should be. I don't know whether they are or not, I really don't know. How do you know whether they are in control?

INT: Well, just sort of an option. Do you have any feeling about all of this? Or an opinion. Not necessarily fact.

NAR: I don't know whether politics is involved in it or not. I don't know whether you can trust politics or not. I have a feeling you can't, but what can you do about it? There isn't a thing I could do about it, so you sort of have to make the best of everything.

INT: Was there anybody that you found particularly reliable throughout this situation? Someone whose word you trusted more than anyone else's?

NAR: I just listened to NBC at nighttime and that would be it, you know.

INT: Did you feel comfortable with the information that you were getting that way?

NAR: As far, yeah, that didn't bother me any.

INT: Was there anyone that you particularly mistrusted?

NAR: Not really.

INT: There wasn't anybody that you felt "Oh, I'm not too sure about that information"?

NAR: No.

INT: What worried you the most about what was going on? What worried you the most about the situation?

NAR: I don't think I worried about it. I didn't. I didn't worry about it. I just figured what is going to happen is going to happen, you see. What can I do about it? I'm not worrying about it.

INT: Did you make any kinds of plans different from those you would have ordinarily have made?

NAR: No.

INT: Didn't make plans?

NAR: No.

INT: You lived your life exactly?

NAR: That's right.

INT: Exactly the same way?

NAR: The same way.

INT: Did you change any of your ordinary routines?

NAR: Not that I know of, no.

INT: Did you ever think about leaving the area?

NAR: No.

INT: About evacuating?

NAR: No. I worried about the cows. (chuckles)

INT: Well, what if they had called an evacuation? Would you have left?

NAR: My concern would have been. was the people, the neighbors down there. They are strictly farmers, you see. And what would they do. I think that was my biggest concern, was what would they do.

INT: What did they think?

NAR: They weren't going to leave. They wouldn't leave. I mean, they weren't about to leave. You see.

INT: How come they wouldn't?

NAR: Well, there they have thirty head of cattle and they weren't about to leave.

INT: Would you have left had they called an evacuation out to the five mile? A general evacuation?

NAR: Evacuation.

INT: Would you have left at that point?

NAR: Okay, but what am I going.

INT: Considering we are about twenty?

NAR: Okay, but what am I going to do about those people with their cattle and their livestock and things like that. You see, I think primarily that was my main concern because they are strictly farmers and I guess they depend on me, too. Well I am practically family, you see. I would have had to be concerned about them. And I think, not unless they would have come up with something about that you can take your livestock and your cattle. Maybe they would have come up with something like that that they could have moved cattle. Then maybe I would have gone. But I would have probably gone with them.

INT: And you would not have left until they left?

NAR: That's right.

INT: Did you do anything at all, like maybe just top off your gas tank, just to make sure?

NAR: I don't remember that I did that.

INT: You didn't buy anything?

NAR: I don't think so.

INT: Was there anybody in your life that you were sort of watching in order to decide what to do? Someone that you figured had some...?

NAR: That I looked up to?

INT: Looked up to or just looked at just to see how they were doing things or if they had any knowledge that you didn't have. You might do what they were doing because of that or you might do what they were doing because you respected them or something like that?

NAR: No, it probably would have been Harold and Harry and all of those in here. I would have followed. I probably would have followed what we did here. This is a very close knit office.

INT: It seems to be. I really like it. It has a nice atmosphere.

NAR: It really is.

INT: It is like family.

NAR: It is just like family that is exactly right. And you know you come in here everyday so this is...

INT: Like a second home.

NAR: It is just like a second home, that's right.

INT: Did you have any mental pictures of what was happening at TMI? Did you have any sort of imaginings or fantasies about what was going on there? What it must, what it must have looked like? What they were doing?

NAR: I don't worry about that.

INT: Did you have any mental pictures of what might happen? Did you think about what...?

NAR: Hiroshima. I thought about that. You, that sort of goes through your mind. Well, you know what happened once...

INT: Did you think that was what would happen? That TMI would be like that?

NAR: I, well I did. That sort of went through. Well, we talked about that in here, see. That was mentioned you know, but--

INT: In the office?

NAR: In the office, yeah. But no, I never. I just never worried about it. I mean it was just... I don't know what my reaction would have been if we would have had to get out. But there again it would have had to have been what about the neighbors, you see. What about my neighbors?

INT: Well, what about here in the office. You mentioned that you were talking about Hiroshima at that time.

NAR: Yeah that was.

INT: What sort of conversations were you having then?

NAR: It was just mentioned, if you were involved in the second World War, you know.

INT: I mean did somebody say this is like Hiroshima? Or it might be like Hiroshima?

NAR: Yes.

INT: How did they mention it, I don't really understand?

NAR: I don't remember, it was just, it was brought up, that was all. Nobody thought much about it, really.

INT: Was it brought up by one of the people in the office who was older who lived through that or was it brought up by someone who was younger?

NAR: I think I mentioned it. I think I mentioned first.

INT: And so this became an image that people thought about here or...?

NAR: Oh, I don't think we thought. I, that just ran through my mind, you see. And, but, that's about it. I'm not a worrier.

INT: Well, do you think that anything that happened at TMI might have affected your health in any way?

NAR: I can probably see how, for these young people with young children, might panic a little bit. But at my age I wasn't going to worry about it. Now you might, you'll probably get a different reaction from Doris because you know Doris' husband is dying of cancer.

INT: You mentioned that...

NAR: Yes. So you'll probably get an entirely different reaction from her. But at this stage of the game I didn't, I didn't panic at all. I just figured what is going to happen is going to happen, just take it as it comes.

INT: Were there any other aspects of your life that might have been affected by TMI? Or anything else?

NAR: No.

INT: How about the community in general? Can you think of anything that has changed or been affected by TMI here in Carlisle or in the office?

NAR: Not that I can think of.

INT: Has the office changed in anyway?

NAR: No.

INT: Do you think that people here in the office were affected by TMI in any way that it still troubles them or anything like that?

NAR: I don't think so. Never think of it.

INT: If the worst had occurred at TMI what do you think might have happened?

NAR: Well, I don't know. I mean really, what does happen? It has to be pretty severe to have, burns and things like that. Could it have been that severe? I don't know.

INT: It could have been.

NAR: It could have been.

INT: Did you have any images of what would have happened to the area and the people and things like this? Any mental pictures about it?

NAR: Not really. I just remember pictures that you would see and hear them again, Hiroshima. That's the... I mean I've seen pictures there long time ago, and that was a long time ago. That's sort of in the back of my mind as to the damage and the people that are still having problems. I suppose you can get cancer from it, that's the thing.

INT: Did you have any concern about any of the food or the milk produced in this area?

NAR: No, of course, having a dairy farm right beside me, you know. We talked about the milk being thrown away and things like that. But, no, I wasn't concerned about it around here. It just didn't get close enough for me to panic.

INT: Did your neighbors feel any anxiety at all about the effect on their animals, the cows and the dairy production and that sort of stuff?

NAR: Well, I think they felt it was too far away. I mean it was far enough away that they weren't affected. We weren't affected yet.

INT: Do you have any, or do you picture in your mind any effects of radiation on life around you?

NAR: No.

INT: Don't have any images of what radiation is like or what it's affects might be?

NAR: Not really.

INT: Did you think at all of your own death through this thing? Of dying in an accident here in TMI?

NAR: No.

INT: Did you think you'd always survive something like this?

NAR: I don't know. I just... You could be killed just going across the street in an automobile, or get hit by an automobile. No, I, needless to say I just sent through a physical and I was kind of relieved when some of the reports came back and there was no cancer. Now I must admit I was a little relieved.

INT: Because of TMI?

NAR: No, not because.

INT: Just in general?

NAR: In general, yes. I, you do think about that and I am of the age where all the people around me seem to have cancer.

INT: Did you think about God at all during this, this incident?

NAR: Yeah, I guess the reason I thought. Presbyterian, I figured what is going to be is going to be, and I just figured well if this is when I am supposed to go, this is when I am supposed to go. See? I guess that's my philosophy.

INT: Well, how do you think God figured in all of this?

NAR: What is going to be is going to be.

INT: Do you think He had any active part in what was happening at TMI?

NAR: I'm sure it's planned. Everything is planned. I think so.

INT: Did you pray at that time?

NAR: Yes. And I... Naturally you do.

INT: What did you pray about? Or for?

NAR: That we would be safe.

INT: Did you have any kinds of Biblical stories or events or sayings or anything cross your mind with this?

NAR: Mm-mm.

INT: Did the idea, the idea of Satan, the Last Judgment or the end of the world come into your thinking at all?

NAR: No.

INT: Did you then or do you now think that anything that happened at TMI was related in any way to God in His instructing or disciplining mankind?

NAR: Oh, I hadn't thought about that. Mm-mm. I don't think so. No, I wouldn't say so.

INT: Did you attend a religious service during that time?

NAR: No.

INT: Not on that Sunday or anything like that?

NAR: No.

INT: Does your own faith say anything about the rightness or wrongness of man's desire to use and control atomic power? Does your own faith say that it is wrong to do so or that it is right to do so or does it not really enter into the--

NAR: It doesn't enter into it. I don't even think about that.

INT: In those terms?

NAR: No.

INT: What about religious institutions or religious leaders? Do you think that they should take any kind of a public stand, either for or against human development and atomic power? Do you think that as religious institutions, as religious people because of

their connection to religion, do you think that they should take any kind of a stand, or make any kind of a position known on it, or do you think that it really has nothing to do with religion? Or does it?

NAR: Oh, I don't think it has anything to do with religion.

INT: Did you feel that you had any kinds of certain responsibilities during the incident?

NAR: I am only by myself. Maybe that has something to do with it. No, I didn't.

INT: Was your job affected in any way by TMI?

NAR: No.

INT: I guess except for the, the maps and the...?

NAR: Yes. It was kind of nice to be in here, you know. Of course when something like that happens, big. Why even like your big, when the flood was, remember when the flood was? This is where your activity is, you know. And storms and things. So you are right here. You are sort of right in the middle of it. You know what is going on. That's the only thing that I'd miss, that if I didn't have that outside input.

INT: Did you have to do any kinds of things which otherwise you wouldn't have to do? During this incident, either here at the job or at home or anything like that?

NAR: No.

INT: Do you have any ideas about how it would be best to behave in a situation like this? Any kinds of ethical or moral or religious ideas? How should people behave?

NAR: Well, everybody's really different. People panic too much and get all excited. I don't know. Just take it easy, be calm. (chuckles) I don't know. I don't know what else you could do.

INT: At the time that this event was going on did it bring to your own mind any past experiences of past events? Did it make you think this is very similar to, or this is just like something or did it just sort of bring something up to your mind that you were thinking about? Because the one thing that you mentioned was the bomb at Hiroshima.

NAR: Yeah.

INT: Was there anything else? Did it bring to mind any...?

NAR: Not really.

INT: Any other crisis or disasters or events in your own past life?

NAR: Mm-mm, not really.

INT: Do you think that something like this is more, more or less frightening than something like a flood or a war?

NAR: It could be, I suppose. I suppose I should be a little more serious but I just, I don't panic. I just, well if it is going to happen it is going to happen. See, that's my philosophy.

INT: Do you think this is more difficult for people to take, say other people than yourself?

NAR: It probably would be.

INT: Being here in the AAA Office, what sorts of difference did you notice between what was going on, say during Agnes, than now, in the way that people were reacting, clients who came in? Do you think that people were more concerned now or more confused or vice versa?

NAR: We had people that were stranded, you know, you sort of had to take care of them. Things like that.

INT: During Agnes?

NAR: Yeah, during Agnes. There were probably a few more problems then trying to locate people, you know. People come in and they want to know if they can get through that road or another road or something like that. Where with TMI, why there was not really. We didn't have too many. We didn't have much work to do really.

INT: Well, if for instance you knew that there was going to be a disaster. If God was going to say you have got your choice of two disasters. Would you choose another TMI or a flood? What I am getting at is which is more...

NAR: Well, I think your TMI is more serious than a flood.

INT: Is it more frightening do you think?

NAR: I think it would be, yes.

INT: Do you think that the people are more frightened than they would be of confronting the possibility of another flood?

NAR: They probably, yes. I would think so.

INT: Why do you think that it would be more frightening? What about it makes it more frightening than a flood?

NAR: Well, your, what can happen to you personally, I guess. I mean I don't know. The cancer and things like that. It's... more personal I think. You can't get away from it.

INT: The, it's a more personal kind of a disaster?

NAR: Right.

INT: How do you mean more personal?

NAR: Well, it affects the body. You probably could get away from water or something like that.

INT: Did any TV shows or movies come to your mind during this time?

NAR: Mm-mm.

INT: To think that this is very much like, kind of a TV show or like this movie that you saw or anything?

NAR: No, not really.

INT: Did you find yourself singing any songs?

NAR: No.

INT: I was just talking to Harry out there and he said he was singing that "Where Have All the Flowers Gone?" He said that was, he didn't mention it during the interview that I did with him before. He was just coming up to me now as I came in and he said I thought about that and he just remembered that during that whole time he was sort of thinking of that song. It just kept on going through his mind, "Where Have All the Flowers Gone?"

NAR: No, I can't, no. Mm-mm.

INT: Did you have any day dreams that you remember?

NAR: Mm-mm.

INT: That's wanderings, mental wanderings at the time?

NAR: Mm-mm. No.

INT: Any sleeping dreams?

NAR: No.

INT: Was your sleep pattern at all interrupted or changed, was it disturbed at all during this time by TMI?

NAR: No. Mm-mm. I, no. I didn't worry about it at all.

INT: Can you think of any changes that happened to the people around you during the incident?

NAR: I can't think of any changes.

INT: How about jokes? Were there a good number of jokes? I know that Harry showed me a Xeroxed piece of paper from Key Travel for a trip to Three Mile Island?

NAR: Oh yes (laughs) now that you mention it I remember that, yeah.

INT: Was that real, I mean they obviously weren't going to send that. Did that come from Key Travel or...?

NAR: Yeah, somebody. Was that made up in Harrisburg? I don't know if that was made up in Harrisburg or what it was. But that was, yeah, I can remember that now. I had forgotten it though. Yeah.

INT: Who brought it into the office? Do you remember where it came from?

NAR: It came from the Harrisburg office, I believe.

INT: So the Harrisburg office of AAA sent it?

NAR: Probably sent it over here. Somebody got it over there and they made a copy and sent it to us, you see.

INT: Did you make a copy also and sent it on or did it sort of stop here?

NAR: I think it stopped here. I don't remember making any copies.

INT: What other sort of things like that did you see?

NAR: That's the only one I saw.

INT: What other jokes did, were people telling jokes here in the office about TMI, telling jokes about radiation or anything like that?

NAR: Not that I remember, no. Uh uh.

INT: No active joking at all?

NAR: No.

INT: Were people joking at the beginning or afterwards, anything about?

NAR: Oh yeah. We were joking about where we would go or something like that. But it was all joking. I mean... You know just.... I might have said to Doris well where should we go? Just something like that but nothing really.

INT: Did you have any place in mind where you would be going?

NAR: No. (chuckle) I wasn't going to go...

INT: What if you had to go? Right down to the end, where would you have gone?

NAR: Alright, what if I had to go...? (long pause) I never did give it much of any thought really, about going.

INT: But if you had to go?

NAR: I probably would have gone South. I think we would have probably gone I would have gone South. You know, I'd check with the, with friends and things like that. But there was never anything definite, you know. We'd kid around about, "Well, at least we had better go where there is a golf course so we could play golf." Or something like that, you know, I remember saying that.

INT: Would you have had gone to stay with any family members anywhere? Would you have gone up to Des Moines or anything with your sister?

NAR: No, I would have, I would have probably gone to a motel because I don't believe in moving in with relatives.

INT: Well just here is a last question or two. Have you developed any opinion or changed any idea that you had about nuclear energy as a result of the TMI incident?

NAR: I don't think so. I really never thought about nuclear energy very much.

INT: Do you think about it at all now?

NAR: No.

INT: Do you have any opinion whether we should go ahead with it? Are you in favor of developing nuclear energy, or would you be opposed to it? The continued development.

NAR: It doesn't really matter to me.

INT: Okay, well let me ask. If they opened up Three Mile Island again.

NAR: Right.

INT: In operation would you object to that?

NAR: No.

INT: If they went ahead and built another reactor here in Carlisle, would you object to that?

NAR: Well, I probably wouldn't like it because this is a colonial town and I just, it would spoil it completely to have anything like that here.

INT: Well, say they built it out of town, right on the edges of town here?

NAR: I have enough trouble with PPG, that's bothering me. I don't like it. They should have gotten further out.

INT: But if they built one right here in town, would you move away?

NAR: No, no.

INT: Would you object to them building it, not on the aesthetic grounds but on the other grounds of being a nuclear energy plant? That wouldn't bother you?

NAR: No, that's not going to bother me.

INT: That's what I wanted to get. Is there anything, just as an absolute last question, is there anything else that you would like to say about this?

NAR: I can't imagine that I gave you very much information because I...

INT: Oh, yeah you did. And what we are after is not hard fact, but just what did people think about it. So there is no right answer, there is no wrong answer. It is just everybody has their own way of reacting to it and people with little children react in one way. They react in many different ways. People in all the different stations have some other reactions and this is what we are after. So it is neither right nor wrong. It is just there.

NAR: Well, I am worrying about that light bill going up. That's what I was worried about yesterday, that it is going up anyway. So. And if we have nuclear energy, why maybe it would be better.

INT: So you would be in favor then of continuing the development of nuclear energy on that level?

NAR: I think it should be. Yeah, I see no reason why not.