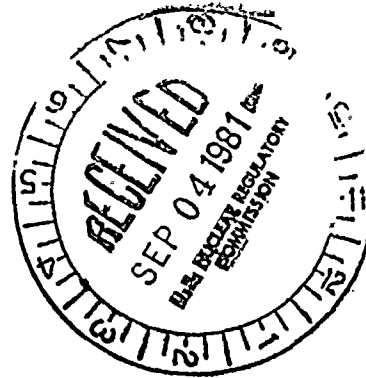


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Original signed by  
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ENCLOSURE 1

Conern: The proximity of the Hosgri Fault to the Diablo Canyon site and the ability of the plant to withstand a severe earthquake.

Response: The Hosgri fault, which is located 3 1/2 miles from the Diablo Canyon plants, was discovered in 1971 and has been the subject of intensive investigation by the Pacific Gas & Electric Company (PG&E), the U. S. Geological Survey (USGS) and the Nuclear Regulatory Commission. As a principal geologic advisor for the Commission, the USGS in 1975 suggested that a magnitude of 7.5 be assigned as a potential seismic value for the Hosgri Fault. It is important to note that the USGS did not say that the Hosgri Fault would experience a 7.5M earthquake but from a conservative standpoint that magnitude could not be ruled out. Comprehensive public hearings on this matter were held by the Atomic Safety and Licensing Board (ASLB) over about a two-month period (from December 1978 to early 1979). Some of this nation's and the world's leading authorities testified and were subject to cross-examination. The experts from the NRC staff and PG&E went on to say that the plant has been designed to withstand the greater seismic event of 7.5. On September 26, 1979, the ASLB assigned to conduct the licensing hearings, issued its partial initial decision which found that a 7.5 magnitude earthquake is reasonable and meets regulatory requirements. On June 23, 1980 the Atomic Safety and Licensing Appeal Board for this matter issued a decision to reopen the hearing record to obtain testimony related to a major earthquake which occurred in California's Imperial Valley in October 1979 (shortly after the ASLB's favorable partial initial decision in September 1979). The NRC staff testimony on this issue was submitted to the Appeal Board in August 1980 and the hearing before the Appeal Board was concluded in October, 1980. The findings of the Appeal Board on this matter was issued in its Decision, dated June 16, 1981, which concluded that the Diablo Canyon Facility was adequately designed to withstand the effects of the postulated Hosgri earthquake.



ENCLOSURE 2

Concern: Emergency Preparedness and Evacuation of the area surrounding Diablo Canyon in view of the accident at Three Mile Island (TMI)

Response: Following the TMI-2 accident, the NRC has been re-examining the design and operation of all nuclear power plants including emergency evacuation plans needed to cope with potential accidents. The recommendations contained in the report by the President's Commission on the TMI-2 accident (the Kemeny Commission) as well as other actions recommended by various task forces within the NRC were considered and requirements have been established and published in NUREG-0694 for Near Term Operating Licenses. The Pacific Gas & Electric Company (PG&E) has met our emergency planning requirements for fuel loading and low power testing. For a full power license PG&E's plan must be upgraded to be in compliance with NRC criteria in NUREG-0694, NUREG-0654, "Criteria for Preparation and Evaluation of Radiological Emergency Response Plans and Preparedness in Support of Nuclear Power Plants", and Commission guidance in the form of the new Appendix E to the Commission's regulations. The NRC staff will verify that all the applicable requirements have been met by PG&E before a full power license is granted. In addition, the issue of the adequacy of emergency planning at Diablo Canyon will be the subject of a hearing expected to take place this fall.

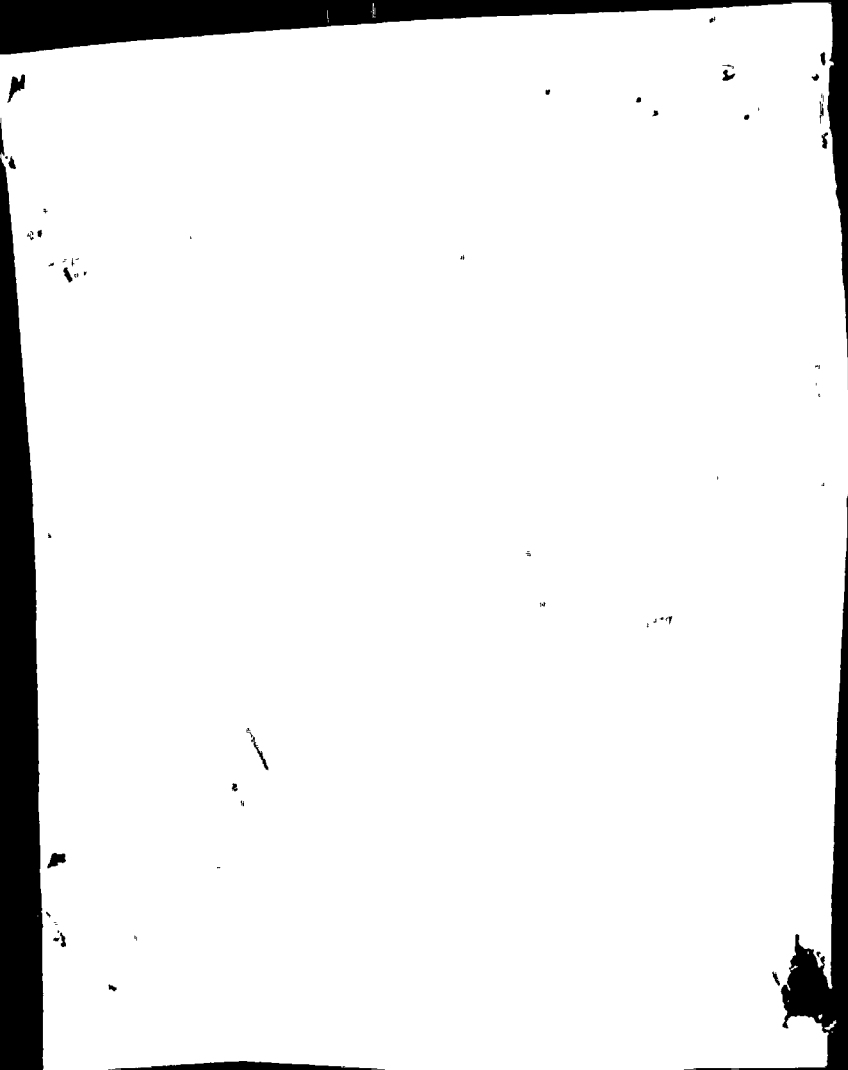




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May 28, 1981

The President of The United States  
The White House  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Mr. President,

Now that I have your attention----

These enclosed maps show you that the Diablo Nuclear Plant is practically sitting on an earthquake fault--the Hosgri fault--2 1/2 miles from it. You should agree that is too close for comfort. There is a nest of faults there. A later map showed connections between the Hosgri and San Simeon, and the San Andreas fault. (use magnifying glass-copy is too dim.)

P.G. & E., who built Diablo found out about this Hosgri fault long before it was completed. They should have stopped construction right then and looked elsewhere for a site. Because they'd spent so much money, they were more interested in getting it to pay off. Now they say--Oh Well--Diablo could withstand a 6.4 earthquake, and it is a one in a million chance a larger one would happen. Well, the San Fernando quake was much larger. That certainly knocked a lot of knees. Too bad a lot of P.G. & E "Big Shots" weren't there at the time. You know the experts on earthquake studies say we are due for a really big one.

Are you still with me?

Okay--now listen to this:

The "City Dads" here have just now become conscious we might need an evacuation plan should Diablo get the go-ahead. P.G. & E. says all the beach towns south of San Luis Obispo, must be evacuated south east of Santa Maria because our prevailing winds, very gusty ones, would carry radiation in that direction. As for San Luis Obispo,--we would have to go north-north-east. Well, the only way out of here is the Cuesta Grade. It has only 4 lanes. Two up--two down. Now can't you imagine that bottle-neck? ---presuming of course that the earthquake hasn't already closed it. If there was a radiation leak only, there would still be a bottle-neck. You must have been through here at some time.

Don't go away--

Drilling for oil along these faults would court disaster by triggering earthquakes. Taking oil out of a strata leaves a vacancy, which means a re-settling of the stratas. There is also the matter of the sea life: Otters, mainly only native to this area--and the grey whales who migrate along here. Why are men like Mr. Watts appointed who know nothing of the areas they are assigning for explorations? He could care less, just to be popular with the power companies. He is their fair-haired boy now. There are other areas without endangering people, to get fuel that we need.

Mr. President--you're our fair-haired boy now. You made us a good governor and we made you our President. I'm a 63 yr. old native. Please don't let us down now. It's our life or death. Isn't that serious enough? What if your ranch was in our hills? *Please close Diablo for good.*

Please take care of yourself. We love you, and want to keep you. You are doing a good job, and we want to keep you a long time. Been enough idiots in our White House. Remember?

Now, Via Con Dics,  
Sincerely and affectionately,

*Blanche Kurtz*  
Mrs. Blanche Kurtz

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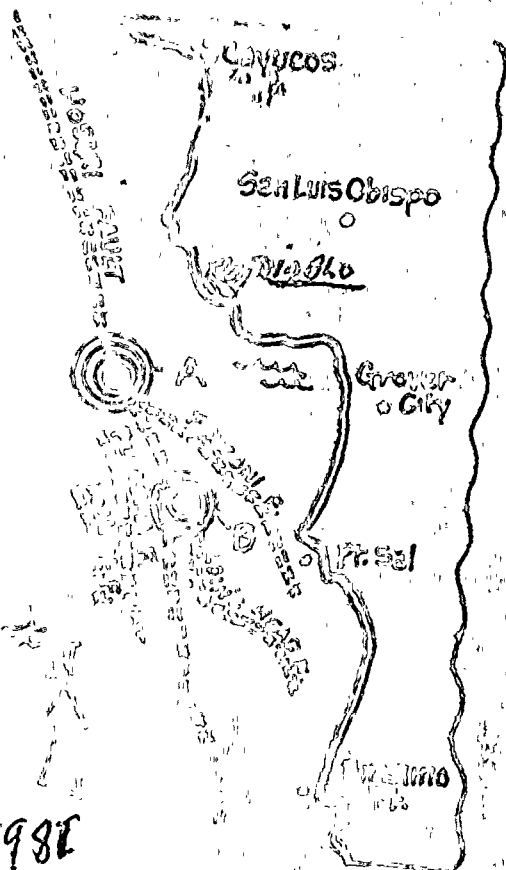
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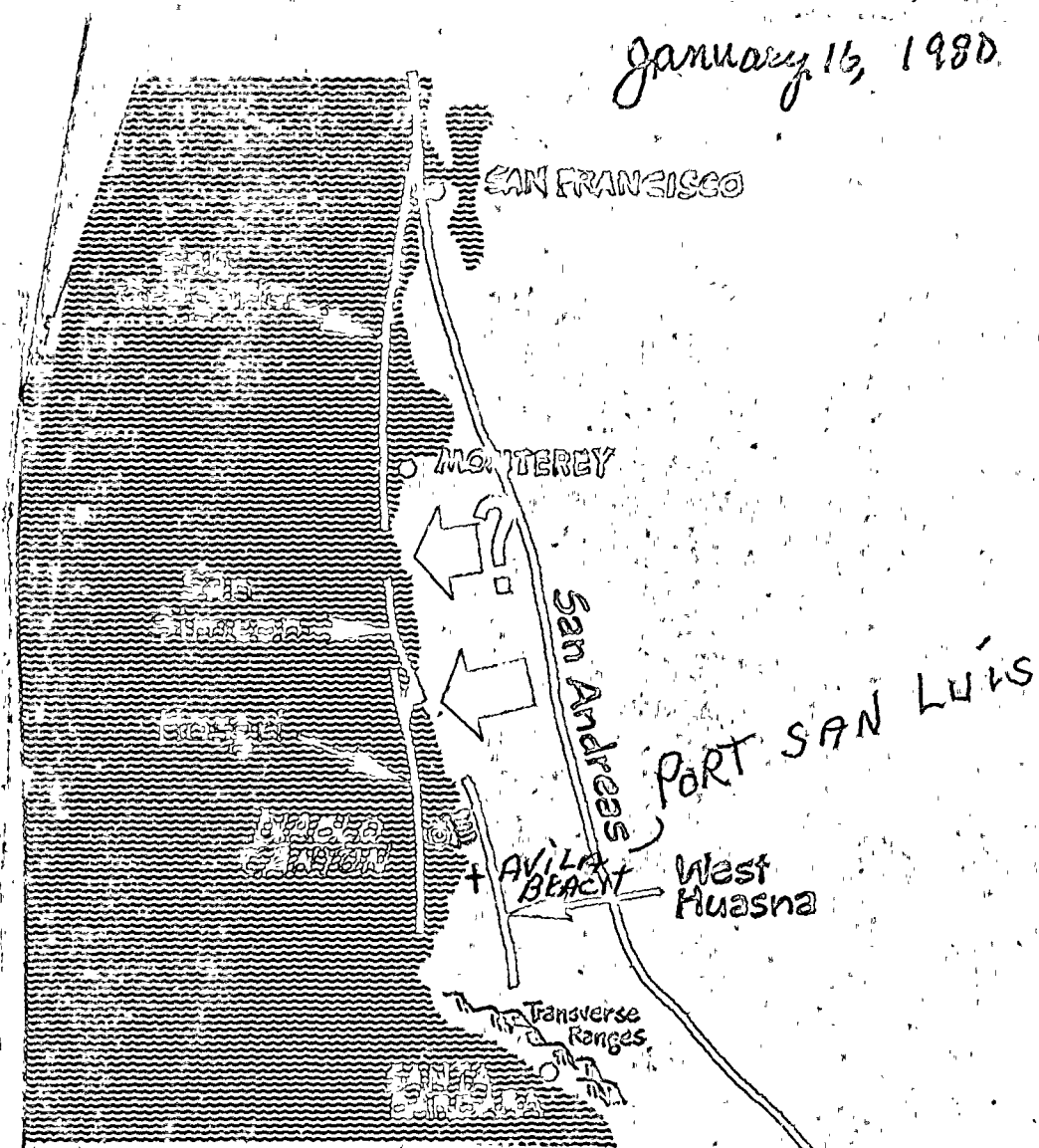
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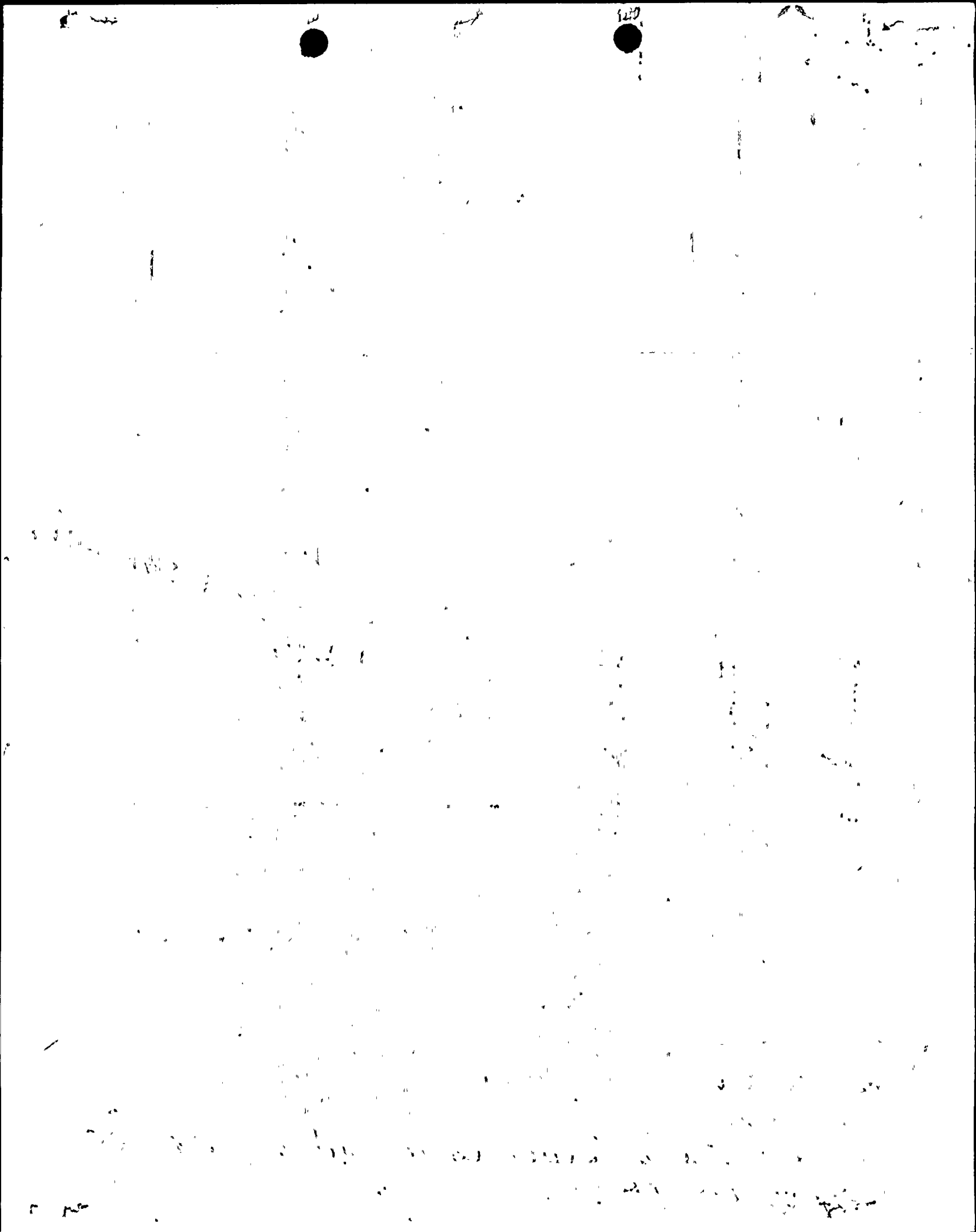


Arrow shows newly discovered link between Hosgri and San Simeon faults. Scientists suspect another link, shown by question mark.

San Luis Obispo TELEGRAM TRIBUNE

# Study ties Hosgri to Simeon fault

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