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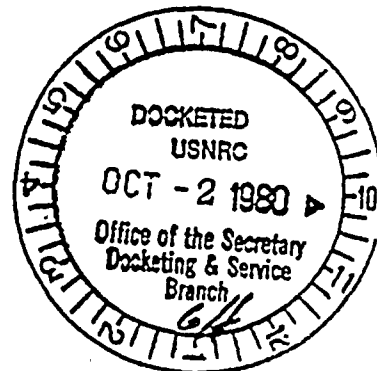
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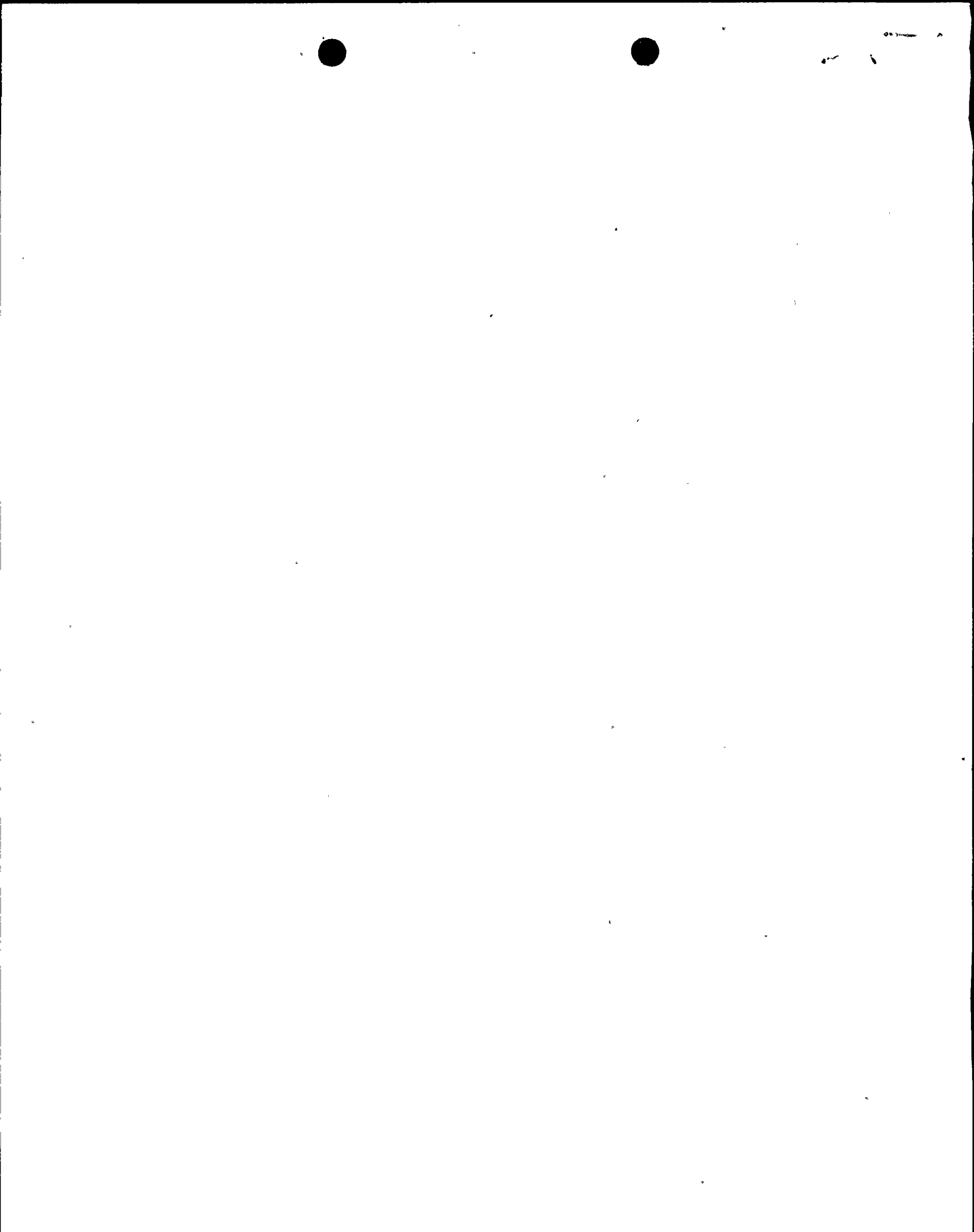


Dear Mr. Chairman and Members of the Board:

In conversation with the Nuclear Regulatory Commission Staff, we have learned that the Board is investigating possible locations for the security plan hearing. Among such possible locations, we were informed that a room provided by the Pacific Gas and Electric Company has not been ruled out. I am writing, at the specific direction of the Governor's Office, to express the Governor's view that it would be highly inappropriate for any Nuclear Regulatory Commission hearing on the Diablo Canyon

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plant to be held in a facility owned or otherwise controlled by Pacific Gas and Electric Company. Not only would such a situs of the hearing create the appearance of an improper relationship between regulator and regulated company, but fundamental legal issues would obviously be raised.

The Governor believes that the proper situs of the security plan hearing is a Federal office building or other office building in which Pacific Gas and Electric Company has no interest. While the Governor recognizes that the need for security may impose inconvenience on all concerned, the overriding importance of maintaining both the integrity and the appearance of integrity of the Diablo Canyon proceeding should be of utmost concern. In this regard, the Governor has asked that I inform the Board that personnel of the California State Police could, at the Board's request, be made available to assist in the transportation and protection of security plan materials. Should the Board wish to pursue this matter, my co-counsel in this proceeding, Mr. Byron S. Georgiou, should be contacted directly at the Governor's Office (916/445-0873).

Very truly yours,



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