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SUBJECT DPR-19 DRESDEN NUCLEAR POWER STATION UNIT 2.
THIS WILL CONFIRM OUR CONVERSATION WITH MESSRS. JORDAN AND FISHER OF YOUR OFFICE AT 10 OCLOCK PM MARCH 27TH 1973 AND WITH MR FISHBAUGHER AND FISHER ON MARCH 28TH 1973 CONCERNING AN EXPLOSION EXPERIENCE IN THE UNIT 2 OFF GAS LINE.

ON MARCH 27TH 1973 AT APPROXIMATELY 4 OCLOCK PM WITH UNIT 2 IN THE SHUT DOWN CONDITION, PURGING OF THE OFF GAS HOLD UP PIPE WAS IN PROGRESS IN PREPARATION FOR TIE-INS FOR THE MODEL 5 OFF GAS SYSTEM. PROBLEMS WERE ENCOUNTERED IN PURGING THROUGH A PORTABLE FILTER AND PURGING WAS TERMINATED. APPROXIMATELY ONE HOUR LATER, AFTER CORRECTING PROBLEM, AN EXPLOSION WAS INITIATED IN THE AREA OF THE TEMPORARY FILTERS. AS A RESULT OF THE EXPLOSION, TWO CONSTRUCTION WORKERS RECEIVED MINOR INJURIES. DAMAGE WAS ASSESSED AS INSIGNIFICANT. RELEASE OF RADIO ACTIVITY TO THE ENVIRONMENT WAS DETERMINED TO BE INSIGNIFICANT. INVESTIGATION AND REPAIRS ARE IN PROGRESS FURTHER INFORMATION WILL BE PROVIDED IN A LETTER WITHIN TEN DAYS

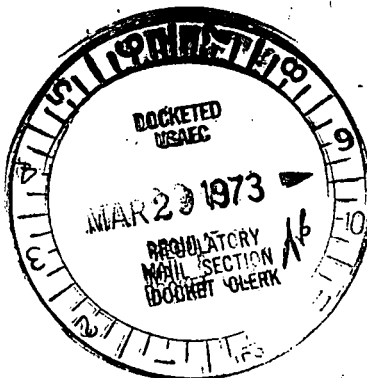
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