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PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION

January 18, 1979

PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION OF SAFEGUARDS EVENT--

PNS-79-04

This preliminary notification constitutes EARLY notice of events of POSSIBLE national security or public interest significance. The information presented is as initially received without verification or evaluation and is basically all that is known by IE staff as of this date.

Facility: Diablo Canyon Units Nos. 1 & 2
Pacific Gas & Electric Company
Docket Nos. 50-275 & 50-323
San Luis Obispo County, California

Subject: BOMB THREAT

The Sierra Vista Hospital in San Luis Obispo, California received an anonymous telephone call from a male, at 7:50 a.m., on January 17, 1979, who stated "You better have 300 beds ready, there is a bomb planted at Diablo Canyon ready to go off at 11:00." (a.m. or p.m. is unknown) The Sierra Vista Hospital then notified the San Luis Obispo police department. Both the police department and the hospital notified Pacific Gas & Electric at 8:15 a.m. on January 17, 1979.

The licensee conducted a search with negative results. They also gave construction workers the option of continuing to work or taking the rest of the day off. Media interest is not expected by the licensee and no press release is planned.

The FBI, BATF, and the State of California have been notified by Region V.

The IAT has been notified.

NRC Region V (San Francisco) received telephone notification of the bomb threat from the licensee at 10:22 a.m. on January 17, 1979.

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