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INDUSTRIAL SABOTAGE

Your talk yesterday made a lot of sense. Are these thoughts written down anywhere?

A note of caution: Are you raising false hopes of technological developments and their application whose actual use to protect actual installations against actual saboteurs is many years away?

Another note of caution: It seems to me that you dismissed too fast the screening, supervision, and surveillance of regular operating personnel--the people who have to be in the sensitive places. Our only bad reactor accident is now known to have been initiated on purpose by one of the operators, bent on murder-suicide. I worry a good deal about an "inside job" by a disgruntled or psychotic utility employee. Some attempts are buried in obscure reports. These employees have the knowledge, the means, and opportunity galore. Add a motive and you concoct trouble. Maybe next time such a guy will contact his nearest friendly Weatherman chapter.

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