PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION

Date: February 1, 1980

PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION OF SAFEGUARDS EVENT--PNS-THI-80-01

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: Metropolitan Edison Company

Three Mile Island, Unit 2 Middletown, Pennsylvania Docket Number 50-320

Subject: IMPOSTER ON SECURITY FORCE

On January 31, 1980, the licensee reported that a person hired by the Gregg Security Services. Inc. as a watchman at the Three Mile Island facility has turned in his uniform at 4:15 P.M., January 31, 1980. At that time the individual informed the licensee that he is a reporter for the Guide, a Harrisburg, PA, newspaper, and had been working from January 2 through January 17 at the above facility under an assumed name of Robert Beyer. His real name is Robert Kapler. We were informed that he stated that he was working on a story for his paper. He is requesting interviews with top officials of Het-Ed and the NRC at the Three Mile Island site.

The NRC does not plan to issue a press release at this time pending further investigation. I&E is investigating this matter. Met-Ed is planning to issue a press release and to hold a press conference this afternoon.

The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania has been notified.

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