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PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION OF EVENT OR UNUSUAL OCCURRENCE --PNS-76-11

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Facility: Purdue University Research Reactor, West Lafayette, Indiana
Docket No. 50-182

Subject: BOMB THREAT

Purdue University campus police received a general bomb threat this morning directed against four university buildings, one of which was the Nuclear Engineering Building. The bomb was reported to be set to go off between 8:00 a. m. and 8:30 p.m. today. The caller was reported to be a male with a heavy foreign accent who claimed to represent a protest organization, the name of which was not distinguishable to the person who received the call.

The University's research reactor is housed in an annex to the Nuclear Engineering Building. The Laboratory Director, who was notified of the bomb threat sometime after 6:00 a. m., searched the reactor facility with negative results.

Local law enforcement agencies have been notified by the campus police.

All four buildings have been evacuated and are being searched. The classes normally held in these buildings have been cancelled.

News of the bomb threat has been broadcast on local radio stations and is expected to appear in local newspapers.

Region III (Chicago) received notification of this occurrence by telephone from the Laboratory Director of the University's Nuclear Engineering Department at 8:15 a.m. on March 25, 1976.

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