ORIGINIAL PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION OF EVENT OR UNUSUAL OCCURRENCE -- PNO-V-84-06 P Date: 2/7/84

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

		Notification of Unusual Event		
Facility:	Arizona Public Service Company Palo Verde Unit 3 Docket Number 50-530			
		Alert		
Subject:	MALICIOUS MISCHIEF (CUT CABLES)	Site Area Emergency		
		General Emergency		
		XX Not Applicable		

At 7:30 a.m. (PST) on 2/7/84, electricians found 22 instrumentation cables in the upper cable spreading room and adjacent area that appeared to have been deliberately cut. These are 2 and 3 conductor number 14 and 16 cable. None are safety-related.

The licensee has posted a 24 hour roving guard in the vicinity and is contemplating the need for additional action. Local authorities have not yet been notified. The licensee is contemplating a press release, but is undecided, because of their concern that it could compound the problem.

Region V has notified the NRC Information Assessment Team at 1:50 p.m. (PST). The NRC does not plan to issue a news release. Region V (San Francisco) received notification of this occurrence from the resident inspector at 11:15 a.m. (PST) on 2/7/84. This information is current as of 1:50 p.m. (PST) on 2/7/84.

This PN is issued for information only.

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(Reactor Licensees) Resident Inspector 2:50 8402150206 840207 PDR 18E PNO-V-84-006 PD

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