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May 17, 1971

United States Atomic Energy Commission
2111 Bancroft Way
Berkeley, California

Attention: Richard W. Smith, Director
Region V, Division of Compliance

Gentlemen:

This will confirm our meeting of May 5, 1971, in the Office of the Atomic Energy Commission, Berkeley, California. Present at that initial gathering were Richard W. Smith, George Spencer, Herbert E. Book, and the undersigned.

In accord with arrangements made during the discussion in Berkeley, May 5, 1971, I met with Herbert E. Book and Investigator John J. Ward in my office on May 11, 1971. At that time arrangements were made to make complainant Robert Rowan available to your investigators.

I have been advised that subsequent to my conversation of May 5, 1971, you have received a separate complaint on safety precautions at the Humboldt Bay Nuclear Plant, Pacific Gas and Electric Company, upon which you have initiated a complete investigation.

Finally, I am advised you will advise this Office on the completion of your investigation and a discussion of findings will result.

Thank you for your very prompt response to my inquiry and recited complaint. If in any fashion this Office can aid you in your determination please call upon me.

Very truly yours,

William F. Ferroggiaro, Jr.
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I, Robert J. Rowen, Jr., make the following free and voluntary statement to John J. Ward, who has identified himself to me as a representative of the U.S. Atomic Energy Commission. I have been told that I do not have to make a statement, and that any statement I do make may be used in a court of law. No threats or promises have been made to induce me to give this statement, and I have been advised of my right to consult an attorney.

During the time that I was employed by Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) at the Humboldt Reactor as a nuclear Control Technician, I observed the following:

1. On August 8, 1969, a spent fuel shipping cask was cleared for shipment from the PG&E Humboldt Reactor when it was known by PG&E management to be still contaminated over the limits permitted by the Department of Transportation Regulation 49 CFR 173.397.
2. On August 12, 1969, the stray chamber radiation monitors at three off-site sampling stations in line with the radiation gaseous waste discharge stack went off scale (more than 10mr). I personally read the stray chamber dosimeters and recorded the incident in the Radiation Protection Log book, 62598-71A, dated August 13, 1969. Also my request to review the film pack results was refused by PG&E management.
3. Sometime prior to February 18, 1970, several sections of contaminated 14-inch-diameter piping was cut out of the suppression chamber. This pipe was later sold to the G & R Metals Company of Eureka, apparently without having been properly surveyed. When this matter was brought to their attention, PG&E management refused to produce the special radiation survey forms and the unconditional release papers relating to the pipe, and PG&E management also refused to go to the G & R Company to survey the pipe, after one piece was found to be contaminated.
4. My employment terminated on June 5, 1970. On or about June 15, July 1, and August 1, 1970, I repeatedly asked company management to furnish me a report on my exposure to radiation during my employment. I later received this report from the company. It was dated September 20, 1970.

THE AFOREMENTIONED DOES NOT LIMIT, EITHER BY EXPRESSION OR THROUGH IMPLICATION THE NATURE OF MY COMPLAINT TO THE U.S. ATOMIC ENERGY COMMISSION -- THAT ITEMS (1-4) CONTAINED HEREIN HAVE BEEN DETERMINED MATERIAL SOLELY BY THE U.S. ATOMIC ENERGY COMMISSION. I have read this statement. It is the truth to the best of my knowledge and belief.



JANICE L. BILLINGSLEY
NOTARY PUBLIC
HUMBOLDT COUNTY, CALIFORNIA

My commission expires July 21, 1973

Signed

Robert J. Rowen Jr.
Eureka, California, May 18, 1971.

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