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Memo to File

HUMBOLDT REACTOR - COMPLAINT TO DOT

On September 24, 1971, I received a telephone call from Mr. Norris L. Scherrer, PG&E, San Francisco. He told me Robert J. Rowen had filed a written complaint with the Department of Transportation concerning a spent fuel shipment made from the Humboldt Reactor in 1969. He said the complaint had 3 main points as follows:

1. Smears on the shipment were improperly collected.
2. Rowen was instructed by management to collect smears improperly.
3. Shipment was made with levels of contamination above DOT specified limits.

Scherrer said the complaint had been referred to PG&E by DOT with a request for comments and answer. Scherrer said he was preparing the reply to DOT, and did not anticipate any problems. His only question to me was how to spell the last name of William Brobst in the Department of Transportation.

This spent fuel shipment was included as one of the matters covered in the recent AEC investigation which resulted from a complaint by Mr. Rowen.

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