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PACIFIC GAS AND ELECTRIC COMPANY
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HUMBOLDT - INVESTIGATION - COMPLAINT AND ALLEGATIONS

Following is a status report of the subject investigation, as of this date.

The inspection team of Messrs. Ward and North completed the investigation at Humboldt on July 20-21 except for an interview with Mr. Penna who was on vacation at the time. Mr. North plans to interview Mr. Penna during a forthcoming reactor inspection scheduled for the week of August 2, 1971. Direct testimony obtained from several of the plant employees however, disclosed that Mr. Penna was not down at the -66 foot level when the pump seal failed.

With the exception of Penna, all other persons identified in L. D. Low's memo to H. L. Price dated June 8, 1971 were interviewed during the visit. Each individual was questioned in accordance with Mr. Low's instructions to J. Ward prior to the visit. None of the personnel interviewed testified that they had ever been told directly they could not talk to the AEC.

Mr. North's feeder report was transmitted to Ward on July 26, 1971. Assuming no additional investigative effort is required, Mr. Ward plans to transmit a finished report with an appropriate transmittal memo to CO:V on August 20 for review and subsequent transmittal to Headquarters.

According to Ward, the team was treated in a courteous, cordial and cooperative manner by all parties. A summary of the information obtained on July 20-21 has already been conveyed to Headquarters by telephone.

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