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To Whom It May Concern:

This is a request submitted under the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), 5 USC § 552.

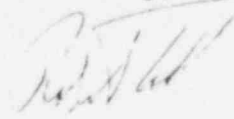
Accompanying this request as Attachment 1 is a copy of a newspaper article concerning a recent earthquake that occurred in New York State. The article, from a New York newspaper, states that personnel at the Indian Point nuclear power plant treated the earthquake as an "Unusual Event". An "Unusual Event" is defined as "something different from the norm that could possibly effect [sic] the operations at Indian Point."

Provided as Attachment 2 is a copy of an article from the 23 July 1985 issue of the National Enquirer that relates the details of a number of sightings of an Unidentified Flying Object (UFO) over the Indian Point nuclear power plant on or about 24 July 1984. The report states that a number of security guards sighted the object, which was described as gargantuan and diamond-shaped. In addition, it is known that the object was sighted on the plant's closed-circuit television system. It has been revealed that the object was so large that it filled the monitor screen, requiring that the camera be panned to view the object in its entirety. The object was reported to have overflowed a restricted area of the plant.

It seems clear that reports of "Unusual Events" and possible security threats must be reported to the overseeing and regulatory agencies of the federal government. Since your agency qualifies in this respect, this request has been submitted to you.

It is respectfully requested that copies be furnished of all reports and other records pertaining to all "Unusual Events" that occurred at the Indian Point nuclear power plant on or about 24 July 1984. In addition, it is requested that copies be furnished of all reports and other records pertaining to possible security threats, to include violations of the airspace over the Indian Point power plant, during the same time period. This request should be interpreted to seek all records held by your Washington, DC office and the appropriate NRC regional office as well.

Sincerely,



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All aboard! Incredibly, this odd-looking contraption is a school bus in New Delhi, India. It's a big boxlike structure with open windows that's mounted on an oversize tricycle and pedaled by the cyclist in

front. Although most Indian children ride more conventional means of transportation to school, students who live only a short distance from their school still ride these unusual buses.

## N.Y. Police Watch Huge UFO Buzz Nuclear Power Plant

An American nuclear power plant was buzzed by an enormous UFO, say the plant's security guards, local police officers and other eyewitnesses — and, incredibly, the New York Power Authority confirms the sighting.

By FRANKLIN R. RUEHL

"On the night of July 24, 1984, a UFO was seen by security guards over the Indian Point nuclear power plant," said Carl Patrick, spokesman for the New York Power Authority, which operates the plant near Peekskill.

"But the UFO in no way affected plant operations."

UFO investigator Philip Imbrogno noted:

"This was the first time ever that there is confirmation that a UFO

was sighted over a nuclear power plant."

Imbrogno, who's associated with Dr. J. Allen Hynek's Center for UFO Studies in Arizona, interviewed six of 12 guards who saw the craft.

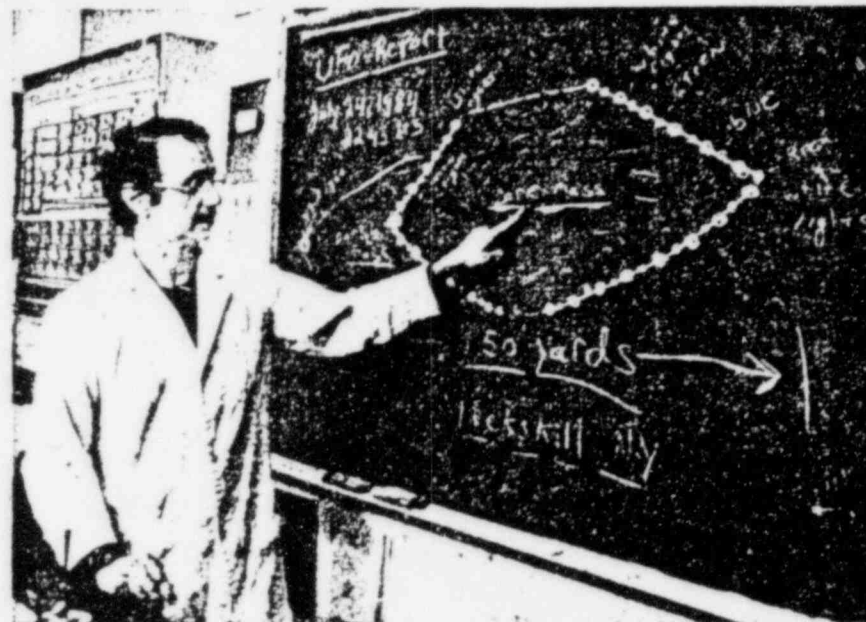
"They said the UFO was gargantuan and looked diamond-shaped, measuring about 450 feet in length. At first, it was bright white. But at one point it changed from white to blue to red to green to amber," Imbrogno said.

"It hovered above the plant for approximately 15 minutes, from 10:30 to 10:45 p.m. It was roughly 30 stories above the exhaust funnel of one of the plant's three nuclear reactors."

Many other people in the area also reported sighting the UFO.

"Local police in Peekskill received numerous calls reporting UFOs during that evening.

"Many officers from various police stations personally told me that they saw



**INVESTIGATOR** Philip Imbrogno sketches drawing of UFO on a blackboard.

the UFO," Imbrogno added.

Sgt. Karl Hoffman of the Peekskill Police Department admitted: "On the evening of July 24, 1984, I observed an unidentified flying ob-

ject. I saw a dozen white lights in V-formation, slowly moving toward the power plant at Indian Point.

"I have absolutely no idea what that object was."



**POWER PLANT** wasn't affected by UFO visit.

*Television is like a toaster. You push a button and the same thing pops up every time.*

— Alfred Hitchcock

# Earthquake jolts region

A mild earthquake of 47 seconds jolted thousands of people awake Saturday in New York and was felt from Philadelphia to Canada, creating confusion and surprise but no reported damage or injuries.

It was the second tremor reported in the Northeast this week. The Boston area was tickled by a magnitude 3.0 quake Tuesday.

The quake, centered about 20 miles north of New York in Ardsley, struck at 6:07 a.m. and measured 4.0 on the Richter scale, said Lynn Sykes, a geologist at the Lamont Doherty Geological Observatory of Columbia University, located near the epicenter.

The tremor, lasting 47 seconds, was felt from Philadelphia to the southern border of Canada, the U.S. Geological Survey said. Residents in New Jersey, Connecticut and Massachusetts reported feeling the tremor.

"I felt it pretty good in Queens," said Charles Causwell, 41. "I ran outside. I thought it was my boiler at first. The whole neighborhood was outside looking."

Mayor Edward Koch said he was awakened at Gracie Mansion, the mayor's official residence in Manhattan.

"There was a shuddering of Gracie Mansion but nothing fell off the shelves and I didn't fall out of bed," he said. "I waited five minutes for the second shock and when it didn't come, I went back to sleep."

The quake — the largest to hit the New York metropolitan area in more than three decades — was considered mild by geologists' standards. In California, quakes of similar magnitude occur about four times a month, Sykes said.

By comparison, the recent earthquake that devastated Mexico City was 10,000 times more powerful than the tremor in New York, Sykes said.

The earthquake Saturday morning was classified as an 'Unusual Event.'

"An unusual event is something different from the norm that could possibly effect the operations at Indian Point. It is declared as a safety precaution anytime there is a seismic recording of any magnitude reported. It is a rule book requirement," said Martin Gitten, Con Ed spokesman.

In an emergency, the four emergency classifications in order of seriousness are General Emergency, Site Area Emergency, Alert, and Unusual Event, said Gitten.

Several workers inside the Indian Point plant reported hearing the rumbling, and one person outside the plant felt the quake, he said.

There are several Strong Motion Accelerographs on the Indian Point site and in the surrounding area which record sensitivity to vertical and horizontal movements. Bowin Lindgren, another spokesman for Con Ed said. "This morning what was felt was not strong enough to register."

Although there were many calls, police departments in the area reported no damage.

"My dogs woke me up," Yorktown police officer Robert Commann said. "One dog was howling and the bed was shaking."

Nick Corbi, insurance agent for Allstate at the Jefferson Valley Mall said that he received about 25 inquiries about earthquake insurance.

He could not remember anyone asking for it before.

Telephones at the New York City police department were ringing off the hook with calls from confused residents, said Sgt. Ronald Severin.

In Riverdale, Karen Rotter said she was roused by "a deep kind of a growling sound."

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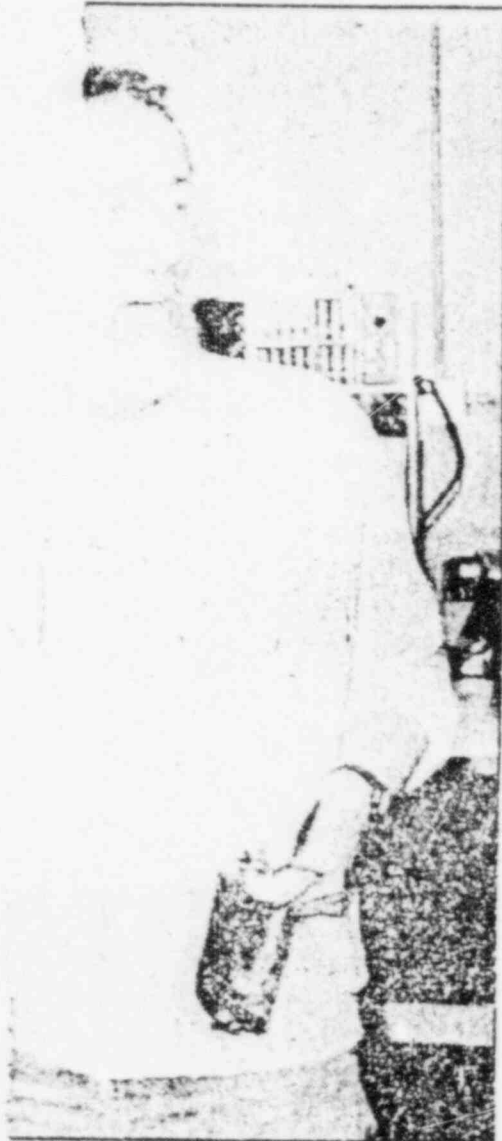
## Mahopac school bus crash

# Driver inattention a factor

Driver inattention was cited as one of the contributing factors in the

Joseph Costello said a witness said that Wright had her belt on. An

Putnam County District Attorney's office, the New York State Depart-



The earthquake shook