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Report of Interview

James E. Cummins, Senior Resident Inspector for Construction, Comanche Peak Steam Electric Station (SES), Region IV, NRC, was interviewed concerning his knowledge of a March 8, 1984, incident at Comanche Peak SES when allegedly a Texas Utilities Generating Company (TUGCO) Quality Assurance (QA) Supervisor detained eight quality control (QC) inspectors in a room and then searched their desks and confiscated inspection reports documenting numerous deficiencies with electrical equipment. During the interview, Cummins provided the following information:

Cummins' recollection of the circumstances surrounding the March 8, 1984, incident involving the QC inspectors at Comanche Peak was vague. He recalled that at about 11:00 a.m., March 8, 1984, he was in the office of Dennis L. Kelly, the Senior Resident Inspector for Operations, when he answered an anonymous telephone call which asked that he go to the TUGCO QC offices in the North Island area of Comanche Peak. The caller claimed that TUGCO management had sequestered some QC inspectors in a room and were going through their desks. Cummins then telephoned his supervisor, Doyle Hunnicutt, Chief Reactor Project Section B, Region IV, NRC, and relayed the information to him. Hunnicutt instructed Cummins to wait and not get involved in what appeared to be a TUGCO labor-management issue. Hunnicutt later telephoned Cummins and stated he had talked to Region IV management personnel and the original instructions to not get involved still applied. Hunnicutt instructed that TUGCO should handle the incident.

Later that morning, when Cummins returned to his office at Comanche Peak, he spoke with Carl Oberg, a Region IV, NRC, inspector, who was at the Comanche Peak site. Oberg told Cummins that he had received a telephone call and a visit from a QC inspector who reported TUGCO's detention of QC inspectors and search of their desks. Oberg did not know the identity of the person who called and visited him.

After his discussion with Oberg, Cummins received another telephone call requesting NRC involvement in the ongoing incident. Cummins was not able to obtain the name of this caller.

In the afternoon of March 9, 1984, Cummins received telephone instructions from Hunnicutt to obtain all documents from the TUGCO QC Supervisor, Ronald G. Tolson, which had been confiscated by TUGCO on March 8, 1984. Cummins complied with these instructions and secured the documents in the NRC trailer at Comanche Peak.

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Early in April 1984, Cummins and Hunnicutt interviewed three or four of the TUGCO QC inspectors who had been detained on March 8, 1984. The QC inspectors told Cummins and Hunnicutt that they were not trying to deliver a message by wearing the T-shirts and that TUGCO management had overreacted to the situation. The QC inspectors had worn the same T-shirts to work about a week earlier and nothing had been said. The QC inspectors all stated that the work done at Comanche Peak was in accordance with specifications.

Cummins commented that although his recollection of the T-shirt incident was now vague, he provided testimony before the Atomic Safety and Licensing Board several months subsequent to the incident and this testimony contained detailed information. Cummins stated all information provided during his testimony was correct.