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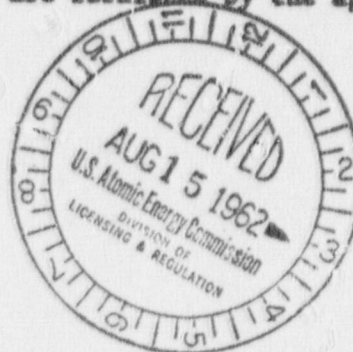
BODEGA BAY QUERY -- MRS. NEILANDS

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Mrs. J. B. Neilands, who identified herself as a member of a group called "Hands Across the Bay" which opposes the Bodega Head power plant, visited SAN today seeking additional background information regarding Commission regulatory processes. She is the wife of Professor J. B. Neilands, the University of California professor who appeared against the project at the recent State PUC hearing.

Mrs. Neilands stated she had noted that the latest published reactor site criteria had decreased the permissive distance from an earthquake fault line from one-half mile to one-quarter mile. She wanted specific information as to what prompted the Commission to make this change. We referred her to the Director of Licensing and Regulation. (The opponents to the reactor may make a pitch on the earthquake aspect, since Mrs. Neilands indicated she is doing research on this point and is contacting experts in this field. She plans to research the Commission's published literature in the earthquake hazard field at the AEC's repository library at the University here in Berkeley.)

The visitor was aware that PG&E has not filed an application with the Commission. She stated her group was proceeding on the assumption that this was just a matter of time. Mrs. Neilands wanted to know whether the Commission would hold its public hearing here, or in Washington. Also she wanted to know whether a public meeting in advance of the formal hearing would be held by the Commission. It was explained that neither question could be answered pending receipt of an application from the utility, but that in most cases the hearings are held in Washington, D.C., however, and in the past some public meetings have been held in the local area. She was informed that copies of the application are furnished by the applicant to local authorities.



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It was stressed that the Commission's primary interest is public health and safety should PG&E file an application and that on this basis, the Commission would examine the application. A copy of the Humboldt Bay hazard analysis was furnished Mrs. Neilands as an example of AEC interest to detail in this respect.

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