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MEMORANDUM FOR CHAIRMAN SEABORG
COMMISSIONER PALFREY
COMMISSIONER RAMEY
COMMISSIONER TAPE
COMMISSIONER WILSON



SUBJECT: PG&E ANNOUNCEMENT ON BODEGA HEAD

Attached for your information is a copy of an announcement issued October 17 by Pacific Gas and Electric Company concerning the completion of excavation at the Bodega Head site. The announcement quotes S. L. Sibley, PG&E vice president: "The suitability of the site appears to be confirmed by preliminary reports of expert consultants engaged by PG&E to make an independent evaluation of the foundation."

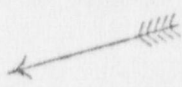
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Duncan Clark

Duncan Clark, Director
Division of Public Information

Attachment

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BORTECA SITE APPEARS OK AS WORK GOES

Excavation was completed Thursday at the site of PG&E's proposed 325,000 kilowatt atomic power plant on Bodega Head in Sonoma County.

"The suitability of the site appears to be confirmed by preliminary reports of expert consultants engaged by PG&E to make an independent evaluation of the foundation," according to J. I. Sibley, vice president and general manager of PG&E. Sibley said that final reports from the consultants are expected shortly.

During the last two months workmen excavated a 142-foot diameter pit to a point 73 feet below sea level in the granite formation which would house the plant's underground reactor system. "Our purpose in excavating the pit at this time was to obtain full information about the foundation," Sibley emphasized. "The excavation work was examined closely by the consultants and PG&E engineers along with scientific teams from U. S. Geological Survey and U. S. Coast and Geodetic Survey."

"All findings will be submitted to the Atomic Energy Commission for consideration in determining the suitability of the site," Sibley stated. "We are hopeful that the AEC's public hearings at Santa Rosa will be scheduled at the earliest possible date."

Sibley said PG&E does not plan construction work at the site pending the AEC decision on the license application. The Company's two one-half mile access roads at Bodega, being finished to Sonoma County specifications, are nearing completion.