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PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION

August 23, 1976

PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION OF SAFEGUARDS EVENT--

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This preliminary notification constitutes EARLY notice of events of POSSIBLE national security or public interest significance. The information presented is as initially received without verification or evaluation and is basically all that is known by IE staff as of this date.

Facility: Zion Station Units 1 and 2 (DN 50-295 & 50-304)
Commonwealth Edison Company

Subject: PROPOSED PEACEFUL DEMONSTRATION AT ZION STATION

The Zion Station Security Officer advised Region III at 0940 on August 23, 1976, that a "peaceful" demonstration is scheduled for today between the hours of 1200 and 1230 CDT by a group called the "Continental Walk for Disarmament and Social Justice." The group, reported as seven in number, will be addressed by one Eckard Festag, Chief Chicago Researcher for Friends of the Earth.

A news article from the August 21, 1976, issue of the Waukegan News-Sun (copy attached) describes the demonstration and background of the group.

The Zion Police and Zion Station personnel have established precautionary measures to assure the demonstration remains "peaceful."

Region III received notification of the proposed demonstration by telephone from the Zion security officer on August 23, 1976, at 9:40 a.m. (CDT).

The IAT has been notified.

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ZION A-PLANT PROTEST SET

SEVEN MARCHERS FROM STILLWATER, MINN., WILL ARRIVE AT THE COMMONWEALTH EDISON NUCLEAR PLANT IN ZION AT NOON MONDAY TO PROTEST THE PLANT'S RELEASE OF RADIOACTIVE GASES INTO THE ATMOSPHERE.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE GROUP, BILL LEAVITT, MAINTAINED THE PLANT HAS RELEASED RADIOACTIVE GASES SIX TIMES THE AMOUNT ALLOWED BY THE U. S. NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION. THE ACCUSATION HAS NEITHER BEEN DENIED OR AFFIRMED BY THE NRC.

ECKHARD FESTAG, CHIEF CHICAGO RESEARCHER FOR THE FRIENDS OF THE EARTH, WILL SPEAK AT THE DEMONSTRATION.

AFTER THEIR SHORT STAY IN ZION, THE SEVEN MARCHERS WILL CONTINUE ALONG SHERIDAN ROAD INTO WAUKEGAN AND CHICAGO. FRIDAY IN CHICAGO, THE GROUP WILL JOIN MARCHERS REPRESENTING THE CONTINENTAL WALK FOR DISARMAMENT AND SOCIAL JUSTICE, AND BOTH GROUPS WILL MARCH ON TO WASHINGTON D. C., ARRIVING IN OCTOBER.

THE CONTINENTAL WALK FOR DISARMAMENT AND SOCIAL JUSTICE MARCHERS BEGAN THEIR HIKE ACROSS THE UNITED STATES FROM SAN FRANCISCO IN JANUARY, ACCORDING TO LEAVITT, A RESIDENT OF GLENCOE AND ORGANIZER FOR THE MARCHERS IN THE NORTH SHORE AREA.

LEAVITT SAID RESIDENTS OF LAKE COUNTY AND THE NORTH SHORE AREA ARE INVITED TO HEAR FESTAG'S SPEECH AND TO WALK WITH THE PROTESTORS AS THEY MARCH THROUGH THE COUNTY.