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for J. R. Rhye

PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION - NOT FOR PUBLIC DISCLOSURE

October 24, 1975

PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION OF EVENT OR UNUSUAL OCCURRENCE --PN-75-111A

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Facility: Hitman Associates
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Subject: TRUCK CARRYING RADIOACTIVE WASTE LEAVES HIGHWAY IN WEST VIRGINIA

This is an update of PN-75-111 dated October 23, 1975. . .

1. Driver of truck carrying cask claims brakes failed on incline road. Truck went off highway and cask weighing about 20 tons separated from truck and came to rest on one side off the highway. The cask was found with no leakage of contents reported. One cask tie down lug was bent; all closure bolts were reported to be undamaged.
2. Each of the 14 drums stored in the cask contained between 200 and 700 millicuries of radioactive waste material and read at the time of loading between 3 and 10 roentgen per hour.
3. Accident scene was roped off and cask was under guard during the night. A replacement truck was obtained and the cask reloaded without incident at 12:30 p.m. today and continued on route to Morehead, Kentucky. The immediate area was surveyed after loading. No indication of radioactive contamination was detected.
4. It is reported that the two drivers were not seriously injured.

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5. Region II (Atlanta) has dispatched an inspector to the crash scene to observe reload and make confirmed radiation surveys as appropriate.
6. The local newspaper in Morgantown gave headline importance to the accident.

The above information was received from Mr. Peter Twite, Hitman Associates, today, October 24, 1975.

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