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PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION

June 23, 1978

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: Comanche Peak Steam Electric Station, Units 1 & 2
Texas Utilities Generating Company
DN 50-445; 50-446

SUBJECT: BOMB THREAT

On June 22, 1978, the licensee received a bomb threat in a letter sent from Glen Rose, TX to the Project Manager. The letter indicated that there were four bombs at the plant site.

The Project Manager directed sounding of the site evacuation alarm at 12:50 p.m. and all personnel began evacuation. At 1:50 p.m., all personnel except general foremen and superintendents were sent home. The general foremen and superintendents, directed by the local Sheriff, completed a search for the bombs at 5:15 p.m. No bombs were found.

A phone call was received at 11:42 p.m. on the plant main switchboard by the night supervisor of security. The caller was an adult male who said in effect, "We're going to stop construction," and hung up. It has not been determined if there is a connection between this phone call and the letter.

The Somerville County sheriff, the local FBI and Texas State bomb disposal personnel were notified of the incident. The Dallas office of the FBI and the local Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms were notified by RIV.

Since President Carter will be in Fort Worth, TX on June 23, 1978, the utility notified the advance team of the Secret Service.

Work was resumed at the construction site on June 23, 1978.

Although no press release was made by the Utility or RIV, there has been considerable media interest. The news media apparently received the information by calls from local workers and monitoring communications.

Region IV (Arlington) received notification at 1:55 p.m., June 22, 1978, from an RIV inspector, who was on site at the time.

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