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ATOMIC SAFETY AND LICENSING BOARD
Before Administrative Judges
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In the Matter of:	:	Docket Nos.
CONSOLIDATED EDISON COMPANY OF NEW YORK	:	50-247 SP
Inc. (Indian Point, Unit No. 2),	:	50-286 SP
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POWER AUTHORITY OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK	:	July 23, 1982
(Indian Point, Unit No. 3)	:	

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Testimony Submitted on Behalf of
"New York City Council" Intervenors

By

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July 22, 1982

Hon. Ruth Messinger
Council Member, 4th District,
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Dear Ms. Messinger,

The following information is provided in response to your letter of July 14th requesting a statement outlining the current status (if any) of evacuation plans for New York City's Detention and Correction facilities.

The Department of Correction currently operates nine institutions and seven medical facilities (including hospital prison wards), which house today 2277 sentenced inmates and 6861 detainees awaiting trial. Next month a 48-bed work camp will open at Hart Island, Bronx, New York; and in Spring, 1983 we will reopen the Manhattan House of Detention for Men at 125 White Street, Manhattan, adding a tenth institution and 426 additional beds.

The location and current capacity of each of these facilities is as follows:

Institutions

Anna M. Kross Center Rikers Island East Elmhurst, New York	1790 inmates
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Adolescent Reception & Detention Center Rikers Island East Elmhurst, New York	1435 inmates
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Brooklyn House of Detention for Men . 275 Atlantic Avenue Brooklyn, New York	815 inmates
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Bronx House of Detention for Men 653 River Avenue Bronx, New York	461 inmates
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Correctional Institution for Men Rikers Island East Elmhurst, N.Y.	2248 inmates
Correctional Institution for Women Rikers Island East Elmhurst, N.Y.	931 inmates (N.B.-this figure includes <u>Rikers Island</u> Work Camp)
House of Detention for Men Rikers Island East Elmhurst, N.Y.	1200 inmates
Queens House of Detention for Men 126-02 82nd Avenue Kew Gardens, New York	502 inmates
Manhattan Community Residential Facility (Work Release) 151 West 118th Street New York, New York	60 inmates
<u>Medical Facilities</u>	
Rikers Island Infirmary Rikers Island East Elmhurst, N.Y.	184 inmates
Bellevue Hospital Prison Ward 30th Street and First Avenue New York, New York (3 wards)	76 inmates
Elmhurst Hospital Prison Ward 79-01 Broadway East Elmhurst, N.Y. (1 ward)	27 inmates
Kings County Hospital Prison Ward 451 Clarkson Avenue Brooklyn, New York (2 wards).	62 inmates

The Department of Correction currently has available 80 buses and vans used for inmate transportation, plus 16 buses now used to shuttle visitors and staff to Island institutions. Thus a total of 96 vehicles, totalling 2209 seats would be available to effect a mass evacuation.

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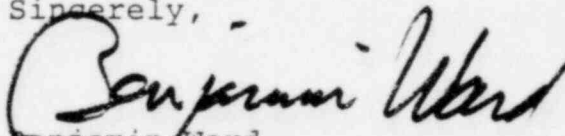
There is currently no mass evacuation plan for the contingency you describe. Each facility does have an emergency plan for coping with fires or other intra-facility emergencies; these, however, do not encompass removal of inmates from the five boroughs of New York.

Any mass evacuation of the kind you envision would be dependent upon decisions of the Mayor's Emergency Control Board, in consultation with this department and other city agencies with available resources. No cost estimates have been prepared for this contingency since its specific form is unknown at this time. However, you may find it helpful to know that the cost per mile to operate our bus fleet averages \$.30 and that we expend, on average, \$11.00 per day per inmate to feed, clothe and provide basic subsistence items (toothbrushes, cups, etc.) to our inmate population. Security staff within secure facilities costs the city \$49.00 per day per inmate; a remote, less secure location would increase the cost of meeting this need.

Special problems associated with sheltering our population would include the need for a location which can be made secure for up to 9,500 persons ranging in age from 16 to late adulthood and including both males and females; the need to provide medical and psychiatric support for currently-hospitalized inmates; provision of special therapeutic and religious diets for those who require same; and the special requirements to maintain adequate sanitation in large multiple-occupancy areas which public health considerations require.

I hope that the foregoing will be helpful in your evaluation of this important issue. If we can supply additional information or clarify, please let me know.

Sincerely, -



Benjamin Ward
COMMISSIONER OF CORRECTION

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