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REPORT OF INQUIRY

April 1, 1983

SUBJECT: DANIEL INTERNATIONAL, WOLF CREEK
ALTERATION OF ELECTRICAL QC NCRs BY
DANIEL INTERNATIONAL QC MANAGEMENT

REPORT NUMBER: Q4-83-008

1. On March 16, 1983, during an interview on a separate investigation at Wolf Creek, a Daniel International (DI) QC inspector indicated that a former DI electrical QC supervisor, Ronald SWEET, wished to provide information to the NRC concerning procedure violations at Wolf Creek. On March 17, 1983, the DI personnel file for Ronald D. SWEET was requested and received at the DI personnel office. SWEET's personnel file documented that he was hired by DI on May 18, 1981.
2. On the evening of March 17, 1983, Ronald SWEET was interviewed by the reporting investigator at the Ramada Inn in Emporia, Kansas. SWEET stated he had knowledge of several procedural violations committed by DI QC management personnel. SWEET stated that cable rework at Wolf Creek was supposed to be accompanied by a rework assignment which is a QC installation card written by construction engineers. SWEET stated that he knew that craft personnel at Wolf Creek were, as a matter of practice, pulling cables part way out of the conduit for repair work, and then replacing them without reinspection. SWEET stated he also knew of an NCR written by Tom GAGNON, during the middle of February 1983, which documented the use of paint put on a junction box which was only approved for duct work. SWEET alleged that construction engineers took this NCR to PATTERSON, the Senior QC Supervisor, and that PATTERSON voided the NCR. SWEET alleged that PATTERSON closed many NCRs this way, and that PATTERSON also changed the wording on NCRs at the request of construction engineers without notifying the originator of the NCR. SWEET also alleged that a QC lead by the name of Ken SAMPLES wrote an NCR against the construction engineers for issuing installation cards before the cables were installed. SWEET stated that construction engineers went to PATTERSON and had him change the wording on the NCR. SWEET also alleged that an electrical QC inspector by the name

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of Ron POE had craft straighten anchor bolts with a hammer, before he (POE) signed off on the inspection.

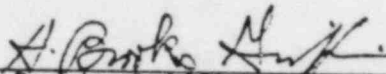
INVESTIGATOR'S NOTE: SWEET was not able to identify the construction engineers by name that he alluded to above.

3. SWEET expressed knowledge of an incident early in 1983 involving an electrical QC supervisor, Bill ELLIOTT, who threatened to terminate an electrical QC inspector, Steven LARSON, over a disagreement on an NCR. SWEET said the NCR was written on a violation of the middle one-third on a support. SWEET also stated he knew of an NCR that had been written against anchor bolts not bearing stamped letter identifications.

INVESTIGATOR'S NOTE: The allegations regarding the termination threat and the NCR on anchor bolts are presently under investigation, and are referenced in report number 4-83-005.

4. SWEET stated he had no intentions of trying to get his job back, and that he was providing this information to the NRC only because he knew that an NRC investigation was in progress which involved electrical QC inspectors. SWEET stated he had no other concerns beyond those raised by other electrical QC inspectors and those he had already mentioned.

This information is provided to Region IV for review and evaluation. No further investigation is anticipated on these allegations at this time.


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Reviewed Personnel file on 3-17-83.

Ronald D. Sued

Sued 5-18-81.

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Patterson

Arizona Inspector's new found friends of Schinger.

Letters 1-28-83

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Schinger from Patterson

Patterson note

Memo. to Patterson from Mike Walker LEQI
re. FO.

Patterson has a favorite expression "if you don't
want to do it ^{the} way we'll get some who does."
Any rework done to a cable is suppose to have
a ~~draw~~ assignment by Construction E.
QC Installation card - craft will pull it
part way out of the conduit then put it
back in w/o a reinspection. Doing about 2mo.

Tom

Sagwon
wrote
it.

An NCR was written a junction box
coated with paint approved for duct work
~~and~~ CE took to Patterson who voided. ^{Wrote a} ^{month ago}
Patterson closed many NCRs this way.
Patterson has also changed the wording of
NCRs at request of CE w/o ~~any~~ ^{anyone's} knowledge.

New
Samples

Lead of cable pulling wrote a NCR
re. CE was issuing installation cards
before cable was installed. The engineer
went to Patterson to drop working

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