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Dave, Larry -

This is the Q & A material our
Public Affairs Office has been using
in dealing with the press. Larry
should have copy of detailed
Bailey/Hausman report.

Dave Bailey

Send your copy

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Response to Milwaukee Paper

RE Computer Access

Los Alamos has a computer connected to TELENET, a commercial computer communications network. This computer, which processes only unclassified data, was accessed from Milwaukee by an unauthorized person. The access was detected by the ~~system manager and~~ ^{Laboratory} reported to the FBI. The incident is currently under investigation by the FBI. No classified or sensitive data was compromised in the incident. CoE

occurred in late June

*Given to Bruce Gill Milwaukee Sentinel-
4/4 224 2151*

*We can give no further
info as no way detected etc*

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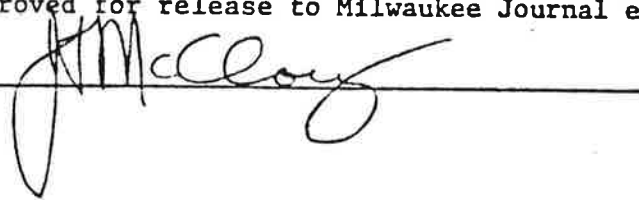
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Response to query, specifically query from Milwaukee Journal this morning:

"There are elements of the security system that watch for unusual activity. ^{These detected this activity.} ~~and that's~~
~~how it was detected.~~ Once detected, we watched to see what they were doing, and
it was confirmed that this was ^{an unauthorized} ~~unusual~~ activity. This occurred in an open partition
that involved neither classified or sensitive (personnel records etc.) material."

OS-DO, approved for release to Milwaukee Journal et al:

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JB: FYI

I told Jimmy McClary about the call from ABC network radio news and their followon question to which I did not respond. He said there will be other questions on War Games, and that is logical... he said if they ask in future, use the following response:

"Our security people have seen the movie War Games, ^{would not be surprised to see} and They expect increased activity on ~~the~~ national computer networks. However, no classified or sensitive unclassified computers at Los Alamos National Laboratory are accessible through the dial-up computer networks.

Don't add anything else, and say you can't comment on questions about has this happened before.

Barb

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SECTION D. RESPONSE TO COMPUTER QUERY

1. How did you know it was Milwaukee?

For security reasons, can't comment on that

2. Can they get into classified segment too?

The electronic equipment for this ^{don't} ~~doesn't~~ exist.. NO
CONNECTIONS

3. What data is in the part they accessed?

Records, letters, routine stuff, reports, etc.

4. Has it happened before?

Not to my knowledge.

THAT'S ALL WE HAVE AT THIS POINT.

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COMPUTER ACCESS AT LOS ALAMOS

Los Alamos, N. M., August 11, 1983 -- Late in June, 1983, unauthorized persons gained access to a small, unclassified VAX computer at Los Alamos National Laboratory that was connected to TELENET, a commercial computer communications network. The entry was detected by the Laboratory's security system and the incident was reported to the Department of Energy. The incident is under investigation by the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

The Los Alamos TELENET-connected computer processes only routine unclassified, nonsensitive data. The Laboratory's computer network is partitioned into three compartments -- general correspondence, reports, etc.; a compartment for sensitive information, such as payroll records and personnel records; and a classified section.

It is not possible for anyone using the telephone system to gain access to the two segments of the Los Alamos network that handle classified information and sensitive personnel data.

The unauthorized access to the Laboratory's open, TELENET system was

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detected by elements of the Laboratory's security system that watch for such activity. The entry was identified and confirmed as unauthorized. This was possible through the use of attentive system managers and records of transactions -- key elements in the detection of the unauthorized access. Information developed through the Laboratory's Security Division was given to the DOE, TELENET officials, and the FBI.

There was no damage to Los Alamos computers or data, and no sensitive or classified information was compromised.

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