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STATEMENT BY METROPOLITAN EDISON ON NADER CHARGES

Metropolitan Edison Company has issued the enclosed statement concerning charges made yesterday by Ralph Nader and two former guards at the Three Mile Island site on security at nuclear power plants.

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STATEMENT BY METROPOLITAN EDISON COMPANY

June 4--Metropolitan Edison Company today released the following statement about allegations made concerning security at the Three Mile Island nuclear power plant in Pennsylvania which it operates.

Robert Arnold, vice president of Metropolitan Edison, said that the company had been informed of various alleged breaches of security at Unit 1 of the Three Mile Island site, and that it, in turn, immediately investigated and informed the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

He said that the allegations of poor security made at Ralph Nader's press conference concerning the Three Mile Island site were the "outgrowth of disputes between two different security companies at the site."

Mr. Arnold said that Met-Ed possesses signed statements by each of the former Three Mile Island guards who spoke at today's press conference, indicating that there was a conscious conspiracy to perform acts which would create the appearance of a breach of security and thereby undermine and discredit the operations of the second security organization at the power plant site.

When the company was informed of these matters, it moved to have the instigators removed from the site to prevent any further undermining of the efficiency of the security forces involved.