

PUBLIC AFFAIRSFigure 6. Contingency Release Number 4-B**CONTINGENCY RELEASE NUMBER 4-B**

To Notify the General Public
“When the Public Is Possibly in Danger”
(Neither confirms nor denies)

(Format of sample release to be used if public safety considerations require making a PUBLIC RELEASE that hazardous cargo was involved in an accident, the possibility exists for contamination due to fire or explosion, and details are unknown.)

A U.S. (type) aircraft (other type of transportation) carrying HAZMAT crashed (or other circumstances) about (location) at (time). The public is warned to stay out of the area (under surveillance by guards) in the interest of safety and to aid operations at the accident scene.

A U.S. (Military Service) team from (name of installation) is en route to (has arrived at) the scene of the accident.

We have no details yet on civilian or military injuries or property damage.

Further announcements will be made as more information is known.

IN RESPONSE TO QUERY ONLY

In response to the question, “Are nuclear weapons stored at (name of facility) or (name of facility)?” The official reply is, “It is DoD policy neither to confirm nor deny the presence of nuclear weapons at any particular location.”

In response to the question, “Are nuclear weapons aboard a specific surface ship, attack submarine, or naval aircraft?” The official reply is, “It is general U.S. policy not to deploy nuclear weapons aboard surface ships, attack submarines, and naval aircraft. However, we do not discuss the presence or absence of nuclear weapons aboard specific ships, submarines, or aircraft.”