

APPENDIX I

TWO-HOUR BROADCAST BY KCBS

Stan: This afternoon until now was just an exciting buildup to World Series Game Three between the Giants and the A's. I tell you right now: these people will have something to say in the years to come when their grandkids ask what was it like going to the World Series in Candlestick Park. Mike Woodley, I don't blame you if you started to boil out of this box badly. I did, too, personally. There will probably be aftershocks so we shall see a lot of excitement on the field. But up here on the press box, there is a lot of pale faces right now because we had a good jolt here as we get ready just moments away from the World Series. Rest assured we will break in on KCBS during our baseball broadcast with any reports on damage or injuries around the Bay Area. This was certainly a solid earthquake. We will set it aside for a moment but we will certainly come back to it. On the field tonight, the Giants and the A's are going for Game Three with the A's leading 2 games to none. Mike, can the Giants come back realistically?

Mike: I think so if they win tonight. It's important that they get off to a good start tonight and that they win it. Keep in mind that not only tonight but Games Four and Five, if needed, will be played here at Candlestick Park so it's important that they get the jump right now. If they are going to get back in the Series, they have to win Game Three tonight. That's my feeling and I think, the feeling of the players as well.

Stan: Alright, you'll be back after the game with Bob Brenley.

Mike: Bob Brenley, the Giants catcher, and Steve McCatty, the former ace pitcher. And if the earthquake is okay, we'll take phone calls until 9:30 tonight.

Stan: Alright, fans, this is going to be a hell of a ride on KCBS. We have a World Series Game Three coming up in just a moment and, of course, full coverage of what has apparently been a fairly solid earthquake here in the Bay Area just moments ago. From Candlestick Park, along with George Harris and Mike Woodley, I'm Stan Bunger. News 74 KCBS, KCBS Newstime 5:07.

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Jan: KCBS Newstime 5:08. We should mention that we have been trying to go to the World Series game. Unfortunately, because of the earthquake that we have had in the Bay Area just a few minutes ago and which is obviously a major earthquake, we want to avoid going to the World Series just as long as we possibly can so that we can get you more on this earthquake. We

have several people on our Newslines right now. First, to News 74's Diana Gapuz. Diana is a producer here at KCBS. Diana, tell us where you are and what it felt like.

Diana: Well, Jan, I'm here at Albany and it was about 5:03 when the quake hit. It was a rocking kind of quake in Albany lasting about 10 to 15 seconds or so.

Jan: Alright. Also on our KCBS Newslines right now is News 74's Chris Cutter. He had been covering a traffic accident at 19th and Judá in San Francisco. Chris, what did you feel and what's the situation?

Chris: Well, we were just standing there talking to the police officers. And all of a sudden the ground beneath me, Jan, just started buckling and I said, "earthquake, earthquake", and sure enough, that was what was happening. We were right next to the 19th and Judá Line here. And the overhead wires were just shaking furiously and the sidewalk was just rumbling below me. I have never felt anything like that and I had been through a few earthquakes in San Francisco, having grown up here. But it was an incredible feeling and I think everybody around me right now is a little jittery and I guess...

Jan: Well, we seem to be having some problems with our phone lines. I don't think that's any surprise given the fact that whenever we've had an earthquake here in San Francisco, we do tend to have problems with lines. Apparently, what happens is a lot of people try to get on the line and make calls just as soon as they can. That causes an overload as far as possibly the phone company is concerned. Right now, we want to go to News 74's Mike Sugarman. He's also with us on the line. Mike, where are you? Tell us what you felt.

Mike: Well, I'm at home and I'm in the southern part of San Francisco near City College that is not too far from Candlestick Park. And it went on. As everybody who's listening probably knows, it has been going.... Well, I can't even guess...because these things tend to last forever when you are living through them but I say 30 seconds or 45 seconds at least. And my entire house was shaking and there were some pictures that fell. I looked outside and saw that the street light in front of our house which is embedded, I don't know how far deep into the ground, was shaking. And the chandelier in the house just stopped shaking a couple of minutes ago. We immediately... Californians...we went under a doorway and grabbed our little baby and just didn't know....Actually, I have been through a lot of these, too, as Chris said. See, I've never felt one that lasted that long. It wasn't a jolt as much as I felt before but it lasted and just kept coming. I don't think you can hear the background but alarms are going off all over our neighborhood. And our power is off right now so we are not going to be able to watch the World Series. At least, I'm now listening to a transistor radio. And the people are coming out from their houses in the neighborhood and just stunned that something like this would happen when the entire nation is watching us. The World Series is about to start and everyone is watching San Francisco. And what happened? An earthquake! But this thing went as long as I can remember. An earthquake going, not as jolting a quake as I felt but differently, as long as it has gone. And as I said, the power is out at least here in the southern part of San Francisco with alarms blaring all over our neighborhood. How is it up there, Jan?

Jan: Oh Mike, I'll tell you something. I have lived in San Francisco since 1975 but I haven't felt one like that. My heart is still beating as fast as it possibly can go. It's just unbelievable. We have a lot of people calling us in KCBS

right now as you can imagine. We're also trying to find out more about what the Richter magnitude of this earthquake was. Here at the One Embarcadero Center 32nd floor, we really felt the shaking continued for quite a while. I have to say I grabbed on to the table because I was a little concerned about what was going to happen next. We also lost power in one of our studios. We had to change studios at the last minute. It's just been a kind of crazy situation. Right now, we want to go to one of our KCBS listeners, Robin in Stockton. What did you feel?

Robin: Oh, it was one of the worse I've been in, that is, in the sense of the amount of time it rumbled. It seemed like two and a half to three minutes long but it stopped at one point, a small pause, and then it came right back up to its same velocity. I've been in a 5.2 in San Jose in 79. I was in the Livermore earthquake that was also about 5.2 or 5.4. But this was, for the length of time that it kept going, definitely the longest that I've ever seen.

Jan: Alright, thanks for giving us a call, Rob. Let's move on to News 74's Jerry Wilcox, KCBS Alameda County Bureau Chief. Jerry, what can you tell us from your vantage point?

Jerry: Scary as hell over here. I'll tell you that I've never felt anything quite like this one. This is the worst for me. And I know that you guys are up on the 32nd floor. It must have been wild there. But we're in a 5-story building near the county administration building in downtown Oakland and the building was rocking violently. Things were falling. We could hear either things falling from ceilings or something up above us that's falling. We're on the 3rd floor here, in the press room. The drawers were sliding out and were thrown out. Drawers with files were thrown open and things were falling from the shelves. I have a couple of stacked shelves of tape cassettes on my desk and they were all over the floor. It was difficult to stand up. You had to hold on to something or sit down and try to stay away from things that were going to tip over on you. It was very scary and I'm heading right now to Cal Berkeley, to the seismographic station, to try to find out just how big this thing was.

Jan: Alright, that was News 74's Jerry Wilcox reporting live from our Alameda County Bureau. Again, if you just joined us, you are no doubt expecting to hear World Series coverage. We have had a story that, if anything, is bigger than the World Series. This earthquake we've had in the Bay Area was the strongest one that I think most of us have felt in a long, long time. On our KCBS Newslines right now is Si Melberg of BART. Si, we understand that you have word that you would like to get out to our listeners. What is it?

Si: The train system has been stopped. We have been trying to move trains towards the next station so that folks can leave the trains. Unfortunately, we have a train in the Trans-Bay Tube. We're trying to move it out now. The power seems to be off throughout the system. I'm looking at the power board now. In San Francisco, the power is off. In downtown Oakland, it's on. But in the Concord Yard and down at the Richmond Yard, the power is out there. Now, the trains can move. They have enough battery power to move them for a very short distance and that's what we're attempting to do right now. Anybody who is planning to go to the BART within the next hour, stand by. We will get back to you when we bring ourselves back up again.

Jan: Alright. Now Si, do you have any reports of any kind of injuries or any kind of serious damage?

- Si: Yes, there is one report. It seems to be a minor construction damage in, I believe, the Hayward Line, but nothing as to prevent the train from rolling once we have power back and we know where we are.
- Jan: Okay. So, we are not talking about any kind of structural damage or anything like that to the tube.
- Si: No, no.
- Jan: And again, what's the situation with the train stuck in the tube?
- Si: Well, we're going to try to move that out. If we get it out, we got to get it to Embarcadero. So, it's going to be a little time before we can do that. I would say this looks.... It's moving! Okay, good! The train is moving now. I can see it moving and so it should be out very shortly. There is only one train in the Trans-Bay Tube and we'll get it out right away.
- Jan: Alright, Si. Again, one other quick question. Will you be sending more trains into the tube after this?
- Si: No, not until everything...not until we've had a thorough inspection of the system and not until we bring back power all over the system. We do have one or two trains moving in the hustle mode and they are moving very slowly. But we want people to please stay and not to approach the stations because most stations will have train in them and there will be people...crowd problem on top of everything else. Give us a little time. Stick around for a while. Listen, once you come back to the baseball game, listen to the baseball game. I'm not going to be procedural. It's just that we don't want folks coming to the stations expecting train service, not for a while yet or probably a good half-hour.
- Jan: Alright. Now, any indications as to any of the stations themselves suffering any kind of structural damage?
- Si: Not as far as we know right now. But that's one of the inspections where we have teams out there making inspections now.
- Jan: Si, one other quick thing. I know that you folks are usually in contact with the State Department of Emergency Services in a case like this.
- Si: Yes.
- Jan: Have you heard from them anything about what Richter magnitude we might have...
- Si: Ah, let me check on that. I didn't check. Give me a second.
- Jan: Alright. ...literally, a second?
- Si: I'll get back to you in five minutes.
- Jan: Okay, we'll be waiting to hear from you. That is Si Melberg with BART explaining that power on BART has been shut down because of this earthquake that we just had in the Bay Area about 10 minutes ago. Of course, we will be keeping you posted on the BART situation. He mentioned that there was a train stuck in the tube but that train has been

able to move from the tube now. Alright, now back we go down to our South Bay Bureau where News 74's Mike Calgan is standing by. Mike, what's the situation there?

Mike: Well, we haven't been able to assess it yet, Jan. But I want to tell you that I was about to get in the elevator on the 12th floor of the building where the Bureau is located. The elevator doors are not closed yet. There were three other people in the elevator. We came out of the elevator. The power failed. It shook so violently that all three of us thought we were going to die. We thought this building was collapsing around us. I just can't tell you how violently this thing shook here in the South Bay. This building just shook, as I say, like it was about to come down. Bill Perry who has been in a number of earthquakes is here. Bill, could you join us here with KCBS for a quick second? You were telling us about your other earthquake experiences.

Bill: Well, I was in the one outside of Bishop about 10 years ago and the one outside of Fresno and both did some serious damage.... But I've never been in one quite this bad in the last couple of years.

Mike: Okay, I can hear sirens going on around me here. I'm on the ground floor now of this building. There is no visible damage to this building. It's really a surprise because, as I say, we rushed into the stairwell and just as we did that, the power failed. There was panic, pretty much panic, in the stairwell. People were just deathly afraid that this was it. Thank God! I had never thought that I would appreciate it so much. I had a little flashlight that I carry in my bag and, boy, I tell you just how nicely that thing came on You feel much better. But we're still trying to assess just the damage but this is, probably I would say, certainly the largest quake that I have ever felt and this is definitely a scary one, Jan.

Jan: Mike, I tell you I can hear it in your voice and it has taken me a few minutes for my voice to get back from that shaky level. I'm sure that what we are experiencing is what everybody else is experiencing in the Bay Area right now. Again, News 74's Mike Calgan in our Santa Clara County Bureau. Now we want to check what the situation is in Marin County. Let's go to Steve in San Rafael on our KCBS Newsline. Tell us more about what you felt.

Steve: Well, Jan, it was more like a bouncing motion than a buckling one. It was certainly the most violent earthquake I've ever felt, being up here in Marin for 15 years. We didn't feel that last earthquake that hit San Francisco so violently a couple of months ago. But I was just coming from downtown San Rafael and I know that a lot of people are heading home from the city. And I did a quick check of the neighborhood on my way around here and it seems that there's no real structural damage to any of the houses. None of the power lines is down. Obviously, the phone lines are a little bit busy but everything is working and everything seems to be okay up here.

Jan: Well, that is good news, Steve. Thanks again for giving us a call. Let's go to Matt in Castro Valley, another KCBS listener with us right now. Matt, tell us what you experienced and whether or not you have any damage in your home.

Matt: Well, this was definitely the most violent earthquake I ever felt. This was definitely a 6 or 7 or better in Castro Valley. And now, no damage. A lot of pictures have fallen down. There is a lot of broken glass in the china

cabinet. But other than that, you know, no real structural damage. Power and phone lines are up. Everything seems to be okay. The dog was a little shaken up. And I don't know, it was a big one, definitely the biggest one in Castro Valley ever.

Jan: Oh boy, did your dog seem to get weird before this quake?

Matt: Yes, a lot of howling, lots of barking and unevenness in the legs, you know, just moves around the house and real shaky and stiff.

Jan: Alright. Again, that is Matt in Castro Valley. Let's go next to Ronald in Sacramento and find out more about just how widespread this earthquake was. Ronald?

Ronald: Yeah, we felt it here in Sacramento. Oh, it was just a brief rolling sensation here in the 2nd floor of this office, Venetian blinds shaking, and the doors and a few other things rattling. But there is no evidence of structural damage. Certainly, just a very strong awareness that there was a rolling sensation going on.

Jan: Okay. Again, that is Ronald in Sacramento. Right now, we want to go to News 74's Eileen Bolt. Eileen, where were you when the quake hit?

Eileen: Jan, I was in a BART train just pulling into the McArthur Station when the earthquake hit. At first, of course, all the commuters thought that we were experiencing some kind of a problem with the train. It began to violently rock back and forth and there were a few cries from passengers who were a little upset when it stopped. We came to a jolting stop. We looked out and we could see that the light stands at the station here were swaying back and forth and continued to sway for some time. There wasn't any panic on the train. The conductor came on and made an announcement that an earthquake had hit and a few people then popped the doors and got out of the station. Currently, trains are being held at the station and the passengers who got out are rushing to the phones and are trying to line up to check on their families and friends.

Jan: Eileen, was there any panic?

Eileen: No. Actually, Jan, everybody was very calm especially once it was announced that an earthquake had hit. People were pretty calm. They took it in stride and started to make their way out of the trains.

Jan: News 74's Eileen Bolt reporting live from the East Bay. Let's check in now with News 74's Marilyn Sandiffer in San Francisco. Marilyn, I understand that you are at the base of No. One in Embarcadero Center.

Marilyn: Hi, Jan. I'm standing right outside Embarcadero in the financial district. I was walking back towards our offices on the 32nd floor when the street jerked and shook. It felt like it was almost buckling under my feet. I saw glass fall from windows and you could hear glass falling. I can see that brick has come off from some of the buildings and it's on the street. People did panic when this happened. I mean, there were screams and concern. A lot of people tried to run into some of the banks that had already closed and had locked their doors. There was a group of twenty people outside a bank on California Street trying to get inside to be safe in case there was an aftershock but nobody in the bank would open the doors. Reporting from

Sacramento and Front Street outside Embarcadero One, Marilyn Sandiffer, News 74 KCBS.

Jan: A lot of Bay Area residents have gathered at Candlestick Park for Game Three of the World Series that is due to begin with the first pitch in about twelve minutes from now. Let's go back to Candlestick, to News 74 Stan Burger.

Stan: Jan, I don't think that is going to happen. Stunned and frightened, I guess, is the best way to describe the crowd out here right now. There are about 45,000 people or so in the ball park right now. The place is not full but we expected it to continue to fill towards the first pitch time. Because of the strange starting time, a lot of people were caught in the traffic getting here from work. I want to tell you I have lived in the Bay Area all of my thirty-three years and have never felt one that hit as hard as this one. We are up in the football press box. Those who have been to Candlestick know that it is a glass and metal structure that hangs from the upper deck and basically from the stadium rim here at Candlestick. Mike Woodley was sitting next to me when it hit. Mike is a mid-western kid and someone who I don't think has felt too many of these big ones. He made a beeline for the door. I couldn't get there fast enough. And by then, the shaking had finally stopped and we had an air cue to meet. We were coming out of the network news there at 5:05 and we wanted to be on the air with something. The fans are still standing. The power is out at the ball park. The scoreboard is dead. The public address (P.A.) system is dead. The Giants are all standing on the field in front of their dugout. Most of the A's are out on the field. I can see some of the Giants' players sitting near the A's dugout. So, it is kind of like a softball game where somebody didn't bring the ball or the umpire didn't show up. Everybody is just trying to figure out what to do next. No directions for the fans in here because, as I said, all electricity is out in the ball park. The scoreboard is dead and there are no announcements on the P.A. system. Now, I covered a story a few years ago when the city had to do some new structural work on Candlestick Park that involved bracing the upper rim of the stadium or the lip that hangs over the upper deck at Candlestick Park. You can see some of the evidences of that work when you are here. There are some poles that stand in various locations around the upper deck. That was done because of concern that a solid earthquake might crack the upper rim of the stadium and bring it down into the stand. I can tell you now from where we are sitting right now that there is no obvious damage to that rim. It is all where it belongs. I don't know what the internal structure would reveal if the engineers were to go through it. But apparently, at least at this point, we can breathe a sigh of relief that the ball park did stay in one piece. I have talked to people who came up from down on the lower deck and all around the upper deck and everyone felt this darn thing and felt it in a way that most had never felt in an earthquake before. As far as the game goes, I don't know what to tell you. There is no way of communicating within the ball park right now. We have George Harris down in the stands and he is trying to gather information. We also have News 74's Mike Woodley here. Hal Ramey is here and Ron Lion is in the news van outside. We are all trying to put together what might happen next here at Candlestick Park but I suppose.... There is an aftershock right now. We are feeling an aftershock that is certainly nowhere near as severe as the initial quake.

Jan: Stan.

Stan: How does it feel where you are?

Jan: Well, you know, I have to admit that you felt it about a fraction of a second before we felt it here. When you said, "There is an aftershock.", I was thinking to myself, "Oh, what is he talking about?" Then all of a sudden, I knew. But you are right. It is much, much less than what we felt a few minutes ago.

Stan: I'm not a great seismologist but that tells us that the epicenter of this is somewhere south of us because ground wave got to me before it got to you and these things move in a pretty predictable pattern. Jan, it is the strangest scene I have ever seen. I was here at the ball park tonight right after finishing my duties. I was planning to go down and sit with my dad for a World Series game. That is something I have looked forward to doing since I knew enough to be a Giants fan and he is down there somewhere. Presumably, everybody is okay although we did have a report that the press box elevator here on the football side dropped one or two floors. We don't really know for sure what has happened over there. We were told that people were inside it but I can't say for sure what went on there. We can see the smoke of whatever that fire is somewhere to the north and east of us. But we can't get high enough onto the stadium rim to really give you a good view of what that might be. I plan to go up there or we will have one of our reporters go up there as soon as possible because it really is as good a vantage point as you can find for much of what is going on around the Bay Area following this sizable earthquake.

Jan: Alright, that is News 74's Stan Bunker again at Candlestick Park. Let's go back now to Marin County. Now News 74's Peter Loafer is on the line. Well, apparently we've lost Peter. That is line seven-eight we are trying to go for. Let's see if we have gotten any contact. No. Okay, how about line seven-nine Rebecca Carral in Alameda right now. Rebecca?

Rebecca: Hi, Jan. Well, I was driving my car at that time. At first, I thought I drove into some kind of a ditch. And I stopped the car and it was just shaking violently. And all the stop lights either went off or started blinking. The interesting thing is that it is a horrible feeling. Obviously, in the car, it is not as frightening as in a structure. But it is a horrible feeling because my children were in two different places. I started running through stop signs to get home to check on them. A lot of other people were doing the same thing: running, driving through intersections, and just running through stop signs. It is kind of interesting to wonder about what would happen or about the aftermath in terms of car accidents and things like that. We have heard very few sirens. There doesn't seem to be any major damage in the way of swaying lamps, broken pictures, things falling down. No really big damage in terms of structure.

Jan: Alright, News 74's Rebecca Carral reporting from Alameda. Again to recap, we have had an earthquake in the Bay Area. You don't need me to tell you that but recap in the fact that we don't yet have a Richter magnitude on this earthquake. We don't know where the epicenter was either. We also should mention to you that if you are having any concern about what to do in an earthquake or if you are a little concerned about the possibility of aftershocks, don't forget that you can look in your phone book where there are all kinds of earthquake tips. We don't have any word of injuries yet. We are trying to talk to all the people that we can throughout the Bay Area and Northern California. This quake has been very widely felt. We have talked to people in Fresno who felt it. We have talked to people in Sacramento who felt it. A very strong earthquake. We are also having a

little trouble getting information because apparently, there have been some electrical problems. Our wire services, for example, have been down so we haven't been able to get the kind of information that we would like to get to you. But again, they have been telling us that if we had a major earthquake, this would be the kind of thing that we would experience. Let's go now to a woman named Lois who is at a Target Store in Colma right now. Lois, we understand you have seen some damage.

Lois: Well, Jan, this is Lois Malconi and actually I am standing by. I was with my son inside the Target Store in Colma. And it is one thing to be standing inside and have bicycles start falling down all around you. The lights went out so we ran out into the center aisle because that just seemed the best thing to do because there was more space out there. But there were boxes, jars, anything - you name it, falling down in the middle of the aisle. I was with another friend who had a child. They were looking at some books and then books were falling all over the place. A lot of people were very scared. Of course, you can hear screams because there was a lot of children inside. Mothers were grabbing their children and fathers were grabbing their children and just holding still. A lot of people were uttering religious prayer during the time because it seemed to last a long time especially when you have a child hanging onto, a child who is screaming. What they tried to do at that moment is crawl out of the store no matter what they had in their shopping carts. So, a lot of people left without picking up their purses and without picking up their belongings. Now, they are standing outside the store trying to get back in so that they can get those belongings. It is also very frustrating for a lot of workers here as well because their computer system is down. They were in the middle of checking people out. They don't really know what to do with the sales transactions and with some frustrated customers who say, "Even though there is an earthquake, I want my goods." So there is a bit of a problem here. There was a full store. They had a whole section of pumpkins outside which rolled all over the place. And they are gathering up the pumpkins now because some of them aren't going to make it to anybody's home. It's really hectic out here at this hour.

Jan: Alright, that is News 74's Lois Malconi reporting from Colma. Let's go now to Sky One. John Atkinson over at the East Bay. John, what can you tell us about your vantage point?

John: We are in Berkeley near the intersection of Bancroft and Shattuck and there is a major fire here. It is right near Berkeley High School. I do not believe it is the high school. It may be the Berkeley Library which is just up the street. There are fire engines. There is a lot of people standing around. The traffic is just a complete mess as you can probably assume. If you are up on a high building or something, you will probably see black smoke all over the Berkeley area right now. And this place which may be the Berkeley Library is almost completely in flames. Again, that is near the intersection of Bancroft and Shattuck in Berkeley. If you are anywhere in the area, try to stay away because it is going to be a traffic nightmare. That is it from here.

Jan: Alright, that is News 74's John Atkinson at Sky One above the East Bay. Let's go now to News 74's Barbara Bloom at a Caltrain station. Barbara, exactly where are you and what have you seen?

Barbara: Hi, Jan. I'm in a line-up with about fifty other people. Right about now, phones here are just jammed. We were all getting on trains when this

happened and the trains moved about a foot. Then people were shuttled right back off the trains. And they are telling us now that they won't be moving any train until they can check all the forty-seven miles of tracks between Sierra and San Jose. There was some dust. At first, we thought it was a fire down the track. It has apparently been caused by a building falling down. It is not clear whether it is on Caltrain's property or not.

Jan: Do you know anything more about the size of that building?

Barbara: Right. There are also people coming in on buses now saying that they had seen statues going down near Market Street and it is just pandemonium here. All the electricity is also out. Ticket agents say that basically their business has been ground to a halt because their computers are down.

Jan: Alright, News 74's Barbara Bloom. We understand obviously that we have had one aftershock so far. Again, we are trying to get any kind of sense as to what the Richter magnitude of this earthquake was. It obviously takes them just a few minutes to look at the Richter scales and try to determine what the Richter magnitude and the epicenter of this quake were. We don't hear any information on that. It happened about thirty minutes or, well, let's make it about twenty-five minutes ago. And we will check in back now to News 74's Mike Woodley and Ron Lion standing by at our news van at Candlestick where people have been waiting for the World Series to get under way. What is the latest on that?

Mike: As I can tell you right now, we looked into the players' parking lot. Several of the players are standing outside wondering themselves. And Game Three of this World Series, Jan, is in jeopardy. As of now, there is no adequate electricity at Candlestick Park to perform Game Three and have it come off. Stadium technicians I just talked to were hastily working and talking to their supervisors. Certainly, there is not enough electricity now to turn on the lights which would brighten the field and make it possible to play Game Three tonight. So if you are in the park or waiting for the game tonight, you may not see a game tonight. Unless there are some things done in the next few minutes to take care of the electrical inadequacies, we may not have Game Three of the World Series. Ron Lion is also here. He is at a vantage point from the parking lot throughout this whole ordeal.

Ron: Good luck to everyone. This is the worst one I have ever been through, Jan. We were standing here and sitting here next to a Greyhound bus that had just delivered the wives and relatives of the players of the Oakland A's. And along here of course, it is satellite and antenna row. When you see vehicles, everything from three tons to ten tons, undulating like that, it is almost like, if you have seen it, the movie "Earthquake" and I'm really not being overly melodramatic when I say this. There were people running away from the players' entrance and running away from Candlestick Park with looks of absolute fear on their faces. We were here, Andy Ellis and I of the engineering department, looking at each other. It was really something to behold. We will stay out here and let you know if the game is going to be played. Live from Candlestick, Ron Lion, News 74 KCBS.

Jan: As we continue here on KCBS to find out more about the damage this earthquake has caused around the Bay, we go to Scott in Oakland, a KCBS listener. Scott, we understand you have seen some damage.

Scott: Yes, I am up on the twenty-third floor of the Broadway building in Oakland which is one of the highest buildings in Oakland. Right after the quake, we

saw almost a straight line of dust or smoke that lasted for about three, four, or maybe five minutes after the quake. From my vantage point now up here looking towards San Francisco, we can see at least four or five smoke fumes. A couple of them look like serious fires heading towards the area of the Bay Bridge.

Jan: We also noticed some smoke here in downtown San Francisco at the time this earthquake occurred. Now, I don't know whether that was dust that was shaken up by the earthquake or what. We don't notice any right now from our vantage point here at No. One Embarcadero Center in the thirty-second floor. We will get back to some of our KCBS listeners. Obviously, all of our KCBS reporters are working right now. But first we want to bring you this special announcement.

Announcement: This is a KCBS earthquake emergency safety advisory. If your power is off, use only flashlights for light. If you turn light which is on or off you may ignite leaking gas. Do not use matches, lighters or candles. Additional emergency information is printed in the front of your telephone book. This has been an earthquake safety advisory. Stay tuned for more earthquake coverage on News 74 KCBS.

Jan: KCBS Newstime 5:35. Let's go back to News 74's John Atkinson who is over the Bay Bridge right now. John, what can you tell us from Sky Three?

John: We are right over at the Cypress structure and it is just a complete mess. It appears as if it has fallen apart right now. There are cars all over the place. The roadway has completely - well, I don't want to say completely collapsed - but it is just a complete mess. It has collapsed in a number of places. There are cars that are overturned and people running around down there. It does not look like a very pretty sight. Obviously, traffic is not getting through there coming off the Bay Bridge. It has nowhere to go. Traffic is just a complete mess in the area. Again, the Cypress structure looks as if it is just completely or almost completely collapsed in a number of places. And traffic has been stopped in just about every direction. This is just an amazing thing to look at. I do not really know what to tell you. It is like this whole thing has just completely fallen apart.

Jan: John, let me ask you this. How many cars are you seeing right now?

John: On top of the Cypress structure, a quick estimate would be about twenty to twenty-five cars. On the lower part of the structure, it is impossible to tell because it looks like the upper part has collapsed on the lower part. There are cars that have fallen off there. There are cars which are overturned. There are trucks that are overturned. I do not even want to think about what has happened to the cars that are underneath the upper level.

Jan: Alright, John. What about the ability of emergency equipment to get to the scene?

John: There are some emergency vehicles on the scene. It is going to be really hard for emergency vehicles to get to the area because of all the traffic in the area and there is some smoke coming up from cars which have fallen off. I really do not know how emergency vehicles are going to get to the scene because it is just a complete mess. The traffic is just getting around it. I do not really know where people are going to start to even try to clean this up.

- Jan: John, from Sky Three, have you been able to hear any kind of traffic on the aviation radios that you monitor that might indicate whether or not any helicopter or ambulance effort is under way to help these people?
- John: No, I have not heard anything about that at all. As a matter of fact, we were just over at the fire and just arrived over here. As a matter of fact, we haven't had a chance to do that. That might be the only way to get some of these people out of here.
- Jan: Alright, John. Again for people who have just tuned, this obviously sounds like this is the worst damage we have heard of so far as far as this earthquake is concerned. Sum up again what you have seen and where you are.
- John: Okay. We are right over at the Cypress structure near the San Francisco-Oakland Bay Bridge and it appears, with the Cypress structure being a two-tiered highway structure, as if its top tier has fallen down in a number of places on the bottom tier. There are cars that have fallen off the Cypress structure onto the side streets. And there are vehicles, I would have to think some kind of number for them, in the middle of the top and bottom tier that are just completely crushed right now because of that entire top that has fallen down. Again, that is impossible to see from this vantage point.
- Jan: But you can see people who have been able to get out of their cars?
- John: There are some people walking around and kind of running around down there but there is a lot of cars that are just sitting there. It is hard to see if there is anybody in them or not at this point.
- Jan: Alright, News 74's John Atkinson in Sky Three. Again, the Cypress structure or at least a portion of it near the San Francisco Bay Bridge appears to have collapsed. We will have more on that story. But as he reported a few minutes ago, it appears that at least twenty or twenty-five cars were involved in that and were apparently either overturned or somehow damaged in that. We will get back to John because that seems to be the worst damage that we have heard of so far about this earthquake that occurred just about 5:04 this afternoon, if memory serves correct. Let's go to News 74's Steve Baffery in Hayes Valley in San Francisco. He is on line seven-nine. Steve?.... Well, apparently we are having some problems getting in touch with him. Let's go to Lou in Mill Valley. He is on line three. Lou?
- Lou: I don't know if this is very significant compared to what you just reported. But I didn't feel anything while I was on the freeway when it happened. The FM radio I was listening to said, "We are having an earthquake," and click, they were off the air. And as I looked down Highway 101, I saw seven or eight power transformers up on the tops of poles actually explode and blue-white light and showers of sparks. One of them was right over me. That is why your power is out, folks. It was quite a sight. I didn't know if it was more or what. It is going to be a while before some of us get power back on. I am glad you are still on the air.
- Jan: Yes. As we have mentioned earlier, we had some problems as far as our transmission is concerned. Our studio, the studio that we were broadcasting from when the earthquake occurred, just went off the air absolutely. We lost our electricity for a couple of minutes. We also understand that most of the Bay's wire services are down. That is one of the reasons we are having

trouble getting information to you. We are getting word from the Office of Emergency Services that this quake has registered 6.9 on the Richter scale. That is a preliminary estimate. It was centered in the Hollister area. Again, the worst damage that we have heard at this point is that a portion of the Cypress structure has collapsed near the San Francisco Bay Bridge and that there is a lot of cars that were trapped under that. Let's go now to George in Manteca. George, what can you tell us about damage in your area?

Woman: Hello?

Jan: Yes, go ahead. Obviously, you are not George. Tell us who you are and where you are.

Woman: I am in Fairfield and I was on the.... I am not sure, I am just so psyched up about this...the peninsula on the Carquinez Bridge. I was in the middle of it because everybody stopped. And I have never felt like this. Actually, I have felt the one in 72 down in Southern California but this one.... I have never been on a bridge before and it just kept going and I really thought it was going to go in. I know the structure is really well and such but it is not a really good feeling and I am still shaking. It has taken me a half hour to get home so...

Jan: Well, thank you for getting to us. Again, we are taking a lot of calls from our KCBS listeners and from our KCBS reporters. Right now, we want to go to the State Office of Emergency Services. Stan Harder is with us on the line from the State OES. Stan, what can you tell us? What have you learned so far about damage and about the Richter magnitude and will we have another aftershock?

Stan: Well, you may or may not have more information than we do because the phones have just been simply going crazy here. Berkeley reported that at 5:04 p.m., it was strong enough that they could not measure it. The Richter reports we have are strictly unofficial out of Alaska and Colorado but very, very strong. We have reports of substantial building damage in San Benito County and reports of breakdowns around the Bay Area of which you probably have a better feel for than I do.

Jan: Alright. Now, we also just experienced another aftershock. So at this point, the major damage appears to be in San Benito County. That is obviously, I gather, the center of the...

Stan: That is where the first reports of damage have come in with a tremor felt as far north as Yukaya at least on this phone. We have been going crazy answering the phones because everybody had gone home about four minutes before these all happened.

Jan: Now Stan, we have had word from our KCBS Sky Three that the Cypress structure near the San Francisco Bay Bridge has collapsed. Can you tell us anything else about what might be done to try to get emergency help to people who would be stuck in that?

Stan: That would be handled by the local emergency services in Alameda County and the City of Oakland so we wouldn't have any specific information or guidance for them. They would be the primary response agency. We would like to urge listeners to remain off the telephone except for essential calls. We are getting reports that there is overload on the system. And when this happens, people are not getting a dial tone and cannot make

emergency calls. We urge the people not to make unnecessary and non-essential telephone calls. It would be very helpful.

Jan: Alright, Stan. Thanks again for joining us and we will be checking back with you. That is Stan Harder with the State Office of Emergency Services. Right now, we want to check in with Contra Costa County and our KCBS Bureau Chief there, News 74's Diane Callas. Diane?

Diane: Jan, I was in the Contra Costa County Courthouse when this whopper hit and I agree with everybody else. I had never felt one like it. Before I got down under my desk, I felt this building which is over a half-century old shaking as if two giants had either side of it and just shook it endlessly. File doors came open and books fell. I am back in here now after being gone looking for a working telephone. And I see that the fluorescent light fixtures are hanging open and that some tiles are loose from the ceiling. I understand from some of the maintenance people that there are some significant cracks in this old building. I just drove up main street, up Martinez. I see at least one large store front window has broken out. People are sweeping that up. Also, some brick facade has fallen off a rather old hotel that is in downtown Martinez. So it looks like, from what I can tell, damage out here is minimal. I also felt that aftershock that you just mentioned a couple of minutes ago. Some people were also stuck in the elevator here in the Contra Costa Courthouse but only very briefly. The generator kicked on and they were able to get them out. But it is a real shaky situation out here and I really don't know just how much other damage there may be out here. But it would be, my guess is that it would be minimal.

Jan: Alright. That is News 74's Diane Callas reporting live from the Contra Costa County Bureau. She is, as she mentioned, in Martinez. Okay, let's go to News 74's Chris Cutter. Again, he is in San Francisco in the Twin Peaks area. Chris?

Chris: Actually, Jan, I'm right on top of Twin Peaks looking over the entire Bay Area right now. And first of all, concentrate.... As we look down towards the Bay Bridge, the entire upper deck is cleared of cars. I have been told by people who have been speaking to police officers at the Bay Bridge that it has apparently been closed. There is no traffic coming up the Bay Bridge right now. I see very little traffic on the Central Freeway right next to the Hall of Justice. Now, on the Central Freeway...there are just a few cars driving past the Hospital curve...down towards Hunter's Point and Bayview District. I can see cars on that freeway. Traffic is moving...that point. And the helicopter we just heard about on the two-way that Todd Smooth was talking about is now moving across San Francisco Bay heading to the Bay Bridge. Again, across the Bay, we do see a fume...that is coming up right out of...area as it appears from here. That smoke is beginning to ... the entire Bay. I guess towards...right now. That appears to be coming into the area between Emeryville. Ah, the Bay Bridge split. Now we also ...

Jan: Well, we seem to have some problems getting our transmission with News 74's Chris Cutter in the Twin Peaks area of San Francisco. Again, because of this particular earthquake that we have had, the major one that we have had, and the two aftershocks, we are having some problems with electrical lines around the Bay Area. We are also having problems with phone lines as well. We are getting the information to you as fast as we possibly can. The latest information we have is that the initial earthquake registered 6.9 on the Richter scale and it was centered somewhere in the Hollister area.

And again, the worst damage we have heard of is that the Cypress structure near the San Francisco Bay Bridge has collapsed or at least a portion of it has and some twenty to twenty-five cars have either overturned or been damaged. That is the most that we can see from the sky. Now back to News 74's Stan Bunker at Candlestick Park. When this earthquake hit, we were all getting ready for what was going to be a very happy event. And Stan, what is the latest about the World Series?

Stan: Jan, it is still just a lot of shock out here at Candlestick. The place is nearly empty now. People are filing out of the stadium. Again, there has been no P.A. system announcement because there is no P.A. system. Electricity is completely dead here at Candlestick. Police officers are ringing the field. I guess they are keeping fans off the field although players are bringing their families down. I can see Storm Davis of the A's right down in front of us here waving for members of his family. Here is Mark McGwire standing over here. He is also trying to get his party together to get off the field because it appears this thing is over. I mean, I have not heard the official announcement. I can see a lot of reporters gathered over in the corner near where Fay Vincent's, the baseball commissioner, box would be. Presumably, we are getting the official word now if in fact, there will be Game Three. My estimate right now is that they will not play this ball game this evening. But it is a very poignant scene. When an earthquake hits, all of us think immediately of where the wives, husbands, and kids are. And here are these baseball players getting ready for the biggest event of their professional lives and all of a sudden they are out in the middle of the field trying to find wives and babies. Storm Davis is holding his young child over his shoulder as he walks off the field. McGwire is down here now trying to make sure everyone is together. It is just a surreal scene. There is no other way to put it. You come here expecting a baseball game and then an earthquake breaks out. The place is still very much in a state of confusion. From here, at Candlestick, we can see the smoke of that Berkeley fire. There is a lot of it. And here comes another coast-guard helicopter roaring overhead. These copters will be coming out of San Francisco International Airport where the big coast-guard air rescue station is. My guess, judging by the courses these copters are taking, is that they are heading for the Bay Bridge or the Cypress structure. We can see the Goodyear Blimp hovering over the general Bay Bridge-Cypress structure area where you have been reporting there is so much damage and undoubtedly, television pictures are coming from that. You cannot see any of those pictures here at the ball park because all the TV monitors here are dead due to the power outage. Now, we have KCBS reporter George Harris out here. Mike Woodley is with us and Ron Lion is out in the news van outside the stadium. To reiterate, there has been no apparent structural damage here at Candlestick. We had no immediate sign of any structural damage inside the stadium and all we can tell you is that the ball park is standing but it doesn't look like Game Three is going to happen. Ball players from both teams are now leaving the field and heading towards the clubhouse entrance which is up the right field line here. A lot of people are milling around. The San Francisco Police command van is parked outside center field fence. At this point, we are just going to have to try to piece these things together as far as we go with the World Series from here. I know that is not the most important thing on most people's minds now. A huge traffic jam is forming outside the stadium because most of these people are trying to get out of here now and get towards their families and loved ones.

Jan: Alright, News 74's Stan Bunker reporting from Candlestick Park which is becoming empty at this point at a time when we thought we were going to have a World Series game. We want to mention that the San Francisco Fire Department is now asking all San Francisco firefighters, even those who are off-duty, to report to their stations. Again, the San Francisco Fire Department, the City and County of San Francisco is asking all off-duty firefighters to go to their stations. We want to go now to News 74's Ken Bastida who is reporting live in Dublin. Ken? Oh boy, we seem to be having some trouble getting Ken's line. Let's go back to John Atkinson at Sky Three who has been reporting from above the Cypress structure near the San Francisco Bay Bridge. It looks like a tragedy there and it looks as if a portion of the Cypress structure has collapsed. John, what is the latest?

John: Okay, we are right now over Treasure Island heading eastbound next to the Bay Bridge. And the Bay Bridge has, I just heard a couple of minutes ago, been completely closed. There are a few cars travelling westbound on the Bay Bridge off Treasure Island. Eastbound on the inclined section of the portion of the upper deck has collapsed onto the lower deck. It is a very small portion but it is enough obviously to close the bridge. It is on the inclined section. There are cars on the bottom part, on the lower deck, trying to go eastbound right now and they are just sitting there. There is nowhere for them to go. Apparently, there may be some people in the water. I'm not sure about that. We are flying right by in the...there might be a coast-guard search and rescue going on right now.

Jan: Alright, John. Can you sum up again what you saw when you were over there just a couple of minutes ago?

John: Over the Cypress structure, it is just a scary thing to see. It appears as if the two-tiered Cypress structure's top tier has, in different portions, fallen down onto the lower level. In order to say what exactly happened would be maybe a bit presumptuous but it does not look good at all. Again the Bay Bridge, the inclined section where we are now flying right by, a portion of the upper deck of the Bay Bridge about thirty-foot wide, has collapsed down onto the lower deck. And right next to that area, there are a couple of coast guard helicopters and they appear to be doing a search and rescue right now. In fact, there is one about twenty feet off the top of the water just towards the south side of the Bay Bridge.

Jan: Alright. Again, that is John Atkinson in KCBS Sky Three. Now we want to try again to reestablish contact with News 74's Ken Bastida in Dublin. Ken, can you hear us now?

Ken: Yes. Obviously Jan, phones are the big problems out here in southern Alameda County. It is now fifty-two minutes and counting that we have been without phones in scattered sections around Dublin, Pleasanton, San Ramon, even Livermore out that way. Our phone service went off immediately. Our lights flickered off and on for a while during the earthquake. Everybody will have his story to tell about this one. The one thing I remember most about this earthquake is kneeling down under my kitchen table and listening to the refrigerator going off and on as the power went off and on. It is back on now. I am calling you from the cellular. Our phone service is still down out here. I don't know if that is a product of people trying to call. But we don't have a dial tone or anything out in this part of the Bay Area. There were a number of emergency vehicles that left the city area here and are going to I think what are probably small fires although we cannot confirm any of those with the local authorities right

now. We don't have any report out here of any gas leak or any structural damage of major consequence although the big problems out here are phone services and scattered power outages. From what we can get from PG & E, this may be the case for the rest of the evening here. People are going to have to do what the emergency services people have told us over the last forty to fifty years. We will have to do and that is to make do by ourselves and not to panic. People did go out in the streets along my street after the shaking stopped but there wasn't any panic. I am up along 680 right now. There are a number of lightstands that have collapsed. They are hanging by the wiring now. But the glass is broken out of the lights. The poles themselves are not collapsed. It is just the points where the poles are connected to the light structures have separated and most of the glass has shaken loose from those here on 680. But other than that, traffic is moving about normally today. The big problems out here are scattered power outages and no phone service.

Jan: And that is News 74's Ken Bastida reporting live from Dublin. Again, the earthquake that hit about 5:04 this afternoon registered 6.9. It was centered in the Hollister area. We have had at least two aftershocks that we felt here in downtown San Francisco on the 32nd floor of No. One Embarcadero Center. To repeat, the City and County of San Francisco is requesting that all off-duty firefighters go to their stations. We also understand that AT & T is requesting you not to use the phone unless you absolutely have to because in a situation like this, the phone lines tend to get swamped. Unless you really need to use that phone, it would obviously be better to use it for emergency situations. Again, the phone company is also telling us that if you would like more information on what to do in the event of an earthquake, in case we have some more aftershocks, you should look in the white pages of your phone book. Let's go now to Bobby in Stockton. Bobby, you are a KCBS listener, tell us more about what you felt.

Bobby: Actually, I am in Sonoma County, western Sonoma County.

Jan: I am sorry about that, Bobby. I got my lines mixed up.

Bobby: It is okay. It is not surprising. I have a retail news stand in Guerneville and I was sitting and eating lunch. And all of my display racks started to sway and it felt like I was on a boat. Everybody else I talked to since had the same sensation. Things were falling off the shelves and shaking and rattling. But there are no reports of any injuries here.

Jan: Alright. Again, that is Bobby calling us from Sonoma County. Let's go now to David Edge who is the county executive for San Benito County. Mr. Edge, we understand that you have had a lot of damage in your area.

Mr. Edge: Yes. It is really too early to give you anything definite right now but the information, as we are gathering it here, tells us that we have several buildings down in the City of Hollister. We have no reported fatality at this time although we have not had a chance to check out those buildings yet. We don't have any information on injuries other than one broken limb. We have a lot of traffic snarling up the city. A lot of people are out on the streets, obviously concerned. Generally, utilities are a mess down here. We have water in the streets and the gas smells.

Jan: Will you be calling for emergency aid from other counties?