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REPORTING CARRIER (railroad and region or division)

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All Railroads subject to Regulations of the Federal Railroad Administration shall

a false proceed signal report, original only, to the Federal Railroad Admininstration within five days after a false proceed occurs. If no false proceed occurs during any calender month, a report showing "No Failures" must be filed within ten days after

Copies of this form will be furnished upon request to the Department of

Transportation Train Control

MAIL TO

Federal Railroad Admin. Suite 440, North Tower 1720 Peachtree Rd., NW Atlanta, Ga. 30309

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V GENERAL MANAGER SIGNAL MAINTENANL

A failure should not be counted more than one time in items 1, 2, 3, and 4; the should be classified under the basic system or appliance of which it forms an

tial part, E.g.; assume grounds cause a block signal to indicate a false proceed causing corresponding indications of a cab signal system on each train approaching

this point, such failures should be included in item 1, Block System.

The following abbreviations may be used in the rep

AB-Automatic block ACS-Automatic cab signal APB-Absolute permissive block ATC-Automatic train control ATS-Automatic train stop CL-Color light CPL-Color position light

E-Electric

FP-False proceed MB-Manual M-Machanical P-Pneumatic PL-Position light

EM-Electromechanical

EP-Electropneumatic

TC-Traffic control LOCOMOTIVE **DEVICE THAT** TYPE OF SYSTEM DATE LOCATION (city and state NUMBER **FAILED** None S. E. Ames 1 BLOCK SYSTEM 7/19/97 Q591-18 Ames , IN APB TC AUTO-² INTERLOCKING MATIC REMOTE MANUAL 3 AUTOMATIC SYSTEM ATS ATC ACS 4 OTHER (specify)

NATURE AND CAUSE OF FAILURE/CORRECTIVE ACTION TAKEN

On July 18, 1997, southbound train Q591-18 was located between the switches at the south end of Ames. The south bound signal was Stop and the train crew observed the north bound signal to be Approach. The train was held in position until signal personnel arrived. The signal personnel confirmed the false Approach indication.

Upon investigation, the signal personnel found the line wire one span north of the north bound signal wrapped. The XC circuit and the 149.6CHD were wrapped, thereby placing 8.8 volts reverse polarity to the north bound signal.

The north bound signal went to the proper red aspect when the wires were unwrapped.

The signal personnel were unable to duplicate the problem after clearing the line wrap. The south bound signal continued to stay at red. After further investigation, signal personnel found the CHD wrapped with the line common at MP 152.2 and MP 152.5. Clearing these wraps cleared the red southbound signal. The signals were returned to service after testing for proper operation and found to be functioning properly.