

Thousands of Protests Wired To White House

WASHINGTON — (AP) — Telegrams protesting the Amchitka underground nuclear test poured into the White House as the detonation time approached yesterday.

"We're just plain swamped. There's no other word for it," said Tom Schleiff, a supervisor at Western Union's Washington office.

"Many, many thousands" of messages addressed to President Nixon or the White House came from points across Canada and the United States, Schleiff said. They were delivered on a special circuit to the White House.

The volume was approaching the deluge of telegrams sent at the time of Lt. William Calley's conviction for killings at My Lai, he added.

He said virtually all were short statements protesting the blast for possible harmful environmental effects.

The Atomic Energy Commission has reported receiving about 8000 letters and telegrams of protest.

See this file 1 Sep 72,
"Blast at Amchitka Set
Off 22 Quakes."