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This is to inform that Mr. David Rhoe, Physicist, RSO, affiliated to the Metropolitan Hospital at San Juan, P.R. has been exceedingly helpful in the establishment of our Prostatic Brachytherapy Service at that Hospital. His generous, unlimited contributions respecting licencing, radiation material safety considerations, and in-OR radiation material handling training, have been superb and enlightening. He has engaged in Hospital personnel and physician orientation in radiation concepts and in the field of radiation safety. With his guidance we have been able to give excellent services to the patients receiving prostatic brachytherapy and the Hospital has established a very efficient new service. His valuable work with our proyect merits that it be known by the NRC Agency and the Hospital Administration.

Respectfully yours, Marangeli Friger, M.D. **Radiation Oncologist**

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