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REPLY TO
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3 November 1980

THRU: Commander
Hq. U.S. Army Materiel Development and Readiness Command
Attn: DRCSF-P
5001 Eisenhower Avenue
Alexandria, Virginia 22333

TO: Region 1, USNRC
Office of Inspection and Enforcement
Attn: Dr. John Glenn
631 Park Avenue
King of Prussia, Pa. 19406

Dear Dr. Glenn:

The 2 millicurie Nickel-63 source, used in a Hewlett-Packard gas chromatograph and reported as missing on September 29, 1980, (see attached inclosure) has been found.

The equipment containing the Nickel-63 had been turned in as scrap. However, the component containing the radioactive source had not been sold as excess equipment nor was it damaged in any way. The Nickel-63 was housed within stainless steel and 25% glass filled Teflon cylinders. The cylinders were sealed within a massive aluminum heatsink, preventing any radiation exposure to personnel or the environment.

The radioactive source is presently in the Fort Monmouth radioactive Waste Storage Area under the control of Mr. Stanley B. Potter, Health Physicist and Radiation Protection Officer. Mr. Potter may be contacted at Area Code 201-544-5292, should you need any further information.

Sincerely,

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Chief
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