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OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

March 9, 1967

Dear Mr. Smith:

In reply to your letter of March 1, 1967, I regret that two instances of non-compliance with Atomic Energy Commission requirements were found by your inspector Mr. North during his inspection of our radioisotope facilities.

Dr. E. W. Wise, Chairman of the University's Isotope Committee, advises that the excessive radiation dose rate that was found to exist in Room 166 of the Engineering Building was in a stock room on the other side of the wall from a restricted isotope storage area. Since Room 166 is entered only to store or remove stock items, it was overlooked during radiation surveys. The source of radiation was placed in additional shielding at the time of the inspection. This lowered the radiation to a permissible level. Room 166 will be regularly monitored in the future.

The disposal of an excessive quantity of tritium on February 14, 1967, was an oversight of the regulations which we regret. A careful check of the permitted amounts will be made before each burial in the future.

The University is sincerely interested in the safety of our students and faculty, and every effort will be made to comply with the regulations of the Atomic Energy Commission.

Sincerely,

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