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Gentleman:

In response to the findings and subsequent correspondence of Special Inspection No. 99990001/B9-012, I am submitting several statements and attendant documentation.

Corrective action was taken immediately to reduce our receipt and inventory of iodine-125 to less than 200 microcuries at any one time. Previously we had been on standing orders of materials that would allow longer periods of time between shipments and receipt of these materials. By canceling all standing orders, our daily receipt of iodine-125 was reduced to well below 100 microcuries with only four exceptions when the amount received plus current inventory was still well below the cutoff of 200 microcuries. Our average usage rate is 50-60 microcuries per day. This information is documented in the attached copies of our isotope inventory log.

In addition, we have reduced the level of iodine-125 used to quantitate digoxin by 6.5 microcuries per package of one hundred tests.

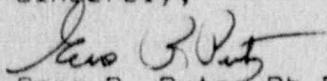
Effective the week of September 4, 1989, we will be eliminating the use of radioactive isotope for the measurement of ferritin and T3-uptake. This will reduce our inventory of iodine-125 by approximately 40 microcuries per week.

At present, we are in the process of changing our total T4 procedure to one that doesn't use radioactive labeling. This process will probably take another week or two before completion. The net result will be a reduction of iodine-125 inventory of approximately 50 microcuries per week.

We will continue to reduce our radioactive inventory by changing to procedures using nonradioactive labeling.

Our intent is to fully comply with the rules and regulations of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

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## ISOTOPE INVENTORY

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| DATE    | TECH | COMPANY     | ANTIGEN          | ISOTOPE          | UCI   | KITS RECEIVED | LOT      |               |
|---------|------|-------------|------------------|------------------|-------|---------------|----------|---------------|
| 6/17/89 | RA   | Clin Assay  | T4               | I <sup>125</sup> | 230   | 4             | 1084     | 6/27/89       |
| 6/14    | gvi  | CibaCorning | TG               | I <sup>125</sup> | ≤24.6 | 3             | 12070    | 72            |
| 6/16    | am   | Amerham     | LH               | I <sup>125</sup> | ≤6.0  | 1             | 884      | 6.0<br>75     |
| 6/19    | Car  | "           | FSH              | I <sup>125</sup> | ≤6.0  | 1             | 89       | 46            |
| 6/19    | DR   | BIO-RAD     | THREE AM         | I <sup>125</sup> | ≤10.0 | 2             | 9029211  | 10/76         |
| 6/20    | ju   | Ventrex     | VAST             | I <sup>125</sup> | ≤10.0 | 1             | 01639    | 10<br>8/24/89 |
| 6/22    | gvi  | Ventrex     | Digoxin          | I <sup>125</sup> | ≤20.0 | 2             | 01679    | 20            |
| 6/23    | gvc  | Ciba        | FT4              | I <sup>125</sup> | ≤14.0 | 2             | 0083     | 14<br>6/27/89 |
| 6/24    | HC   | Boston/Dick | Gastrin          | I <sup>125</sup> | ≤3.5  | 1             | 255025   | 3.5           |
| 6/27    | gvc  | ClinAssay   | FT4              | I <sup>125</sup> | ≤28.0 | 4             | 0089     | 7/12/89       |
|         |      | Ventrex     | T4               | I <sup>125</sup> | ≤6.0  | 6             | 11669    | 7-24/58<br>m  |
|         |      |             | Vast             | I <sup>125</sup> | ≤10.0 | 1             | 01719    | 8-3/4         |
| 7/25    | am   | Biosci      | testin           | I <sup>125</sup> | ≤10.0 | 1             | 90291270 |               |
| 7/28    | ju   | CIBA        | Hg               | I <sup>125</sup> | ≤48.0 | 2             | 1073     | 11/8          |
| CO-28   | gvi  | Ventrex     | IgE              | I <sup>125</sup> | ≤10.0 | 1             | 21789    |               |
|         |      |             | Digoxin          | I <sup>125</sup> | ≤20.0 | 2             | 01679    | 7/5/89        |
| 6/29    | CH   | Imperial    | FSH              | I <sup>125</sup> | ≤6.0  | 1             | 89       | 120           |
|         |      | DPC         | (cordiol)        | I <sup>125</sup> | ≤6.0  | 1             | 07314    | 8/7/89        |
|         |      | "           | estradiol        | I <sup>125</sup> | ≤6.0  | 1             | 075      | 31            |
|         | HC   | Ventrex     | Digoxin          | I <sup>125</sup> | ≤10.0 | 1             | 01779    | 7-5/8         |
| 7/3     | HC   | Ventrex     | IgE              | I <sup>125</sup> | ≤20.0 | 1             | 21789    | 7/3/89        |
| 7/3     | HC   | Ventrex     | T3               | I <sup>125</sup> | ≤30   | 3             | 11779    | 6-29<br>m     |
| -       | HC   | "           | Dig              | I <sup>125</sup> | ≤30   | 3             | 01799    | 60            |
| 7/6     | gvi  | Amerham     | LH               | I <sup>125</sup> | ≤6    | 1             | 90       | 7/26/89       |
| 7/7     | gvi  | Amerham     | LH               | I <sup>125</sup> | ≤6    | 1             | 90       | 7/2           |
| 7/11    | "    | "           | FSH              | I <sup>125</sup> | ≤6    | 1             | 90       | 7/9/89<br>com |
| 7/11    | HC   | DPC         | Estradiol        | I <sup>125</sup> | ≤6    | 1             | 075      | 47            |
| 7/11    | "    | Cordiol     | I <sup>125</sup> | ≤9               | 1     | 314           | 7/6/89   |               |

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|------|------|-------------|-----------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|-----------|--------------|
| 7/7  | IIC  | Ventrex     | T4              | I125          | ≥10           | 1             | 01799     | 8-24<br>m    |
|      | KC   | "           | ASBTH           | I125          | ≤10           | 1             | 01819     |              |
| 7/10 | CH   | Clemmons    | Strept          | I125          | ≤ 7uci        | 1             | 0094      | ⑦            |
| 7/11 | CH   | Ventrex     | Digoxin         | I125          | ≤ 10uci       | 2             | 01799     | 8-24<br>m    |
|      |      |             |                 | I125          | ≤ 10uci       | 1             | 21789     | 8-24<br>m    |
|      |      |             |                 | VAST          | ≤ 10uci       | 1             | 01779     | 8-24<br>m    |
|      |      |             |                 | CD4           | ≤ 10uci       | 2             | 12180     | 118          |
|      |      |             | Ventrex T4      | I125          | ≤ 30          | 2             | 11799     | 8-24<br>m    |
|      | CH   | Bethesda    | T4              | I125          | ≤ 10uci       | 3             | 0094      | 8-24<br>m 51 |
|      | KIC  | Ventrex     | T4              | I125          | ≤ 30          | 3             | 11799     | 8-24<br>m    |
| 7/14 | CH   | DPC         | Abstract        | I125          | ≤ 6uci        | 1             | 075       | 813          |
|      |      |             | Ventrex Digoxin | I125          | ≤ 10uci       | 2             | 01939     | 26           |
| 7/17 | CH   | Ventrex     | Digoxin         | I125          | ≤ 10uci       | 1             | 01929     | 110          |
|      |      | BioRad      | B12/Falotato    | I125          | ≤ 4uci (cosy) | 2             | 91-19281  | 8-24<br>m    |
|      |      |             | Ferritin        | I125          | ≤ 80uci       | 2             | 90-29335  |              |
| 7/18 | CH   | CORNING     | T4              | I125          | ≤ 15uci       | 3             | K0179     | 8-24<br>m    |
| 7/19 | CH   | Ventrex     | TT4             | I125          | ≤ 30uci       | 3             | 31959     | 8-24<br>m    |
| 7/20 | CH   | Ventrex     | Digoxin         | I125          | <20           | 2             | 0935      | 20           |
| 7/23 | CH   | Amer sham   | TSII            | I125          | ≤ 60.0uci     | 1             | 90        | 51           |
|      | CH   | DPC-Corning | Hcr             | I125          | ≤ 48uci       | 2             | 12180     |              |
| 7/26 | CH   | Ventrex     | I125            | ≤ 4uci (cosy) | 1             | 9119282       | 8-24<br>m |              |
|      |      | BioRad      | Ventrex         | I125          | ≤ 80          | 1             | 9029406   | 157          |
|      |      | Clin Assay  | FT4             | I125          | ≤ 21uci       | 1             | 0095      | 8-24<br>m    |
| 7/27 | IIC  | Ventrex     | TT4             | I125          | ≤ 30          | 3             | 01959     | 8-24<br>m    |
|      | IIC  | Ventrex     | J62             | I125          | ≤ 10          | 1             | 01929     | 8-24<br>m    |
|      | IIC  | "           | Digoxin         | I125          | ≤ 10          | 1             | 01939     | 8-24<br>m    |
| 7/28 | IIC  | Ventrex     | T4              | I125          | ≤ 30          | 3             | 01959     | 8-24<br>m    |
|      | CH   | Ventrex     | Rast            | I125          | ≤ 5uci        | 1             | 01939     | 4-2<br>m     |

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|------|------|-------------------|--------------------------|------------------------------------|--------|---------------|---------|--------------------|
| 7/3  |      | Ventrex           | T4                       | I <sup>125</sup>                   | <20    | 2             | 21959   | 7/28 <sup>co</sup> |
|      |      | "                 | T <sub>3</sub> U         | I <sup>125</sup>                   | <20    | 2             | 01879   | 8-27 <sup>mp</sup> |
| 7/28 |      | ClinAssay         | FT4                      | I <sup>125</sup>                   | <10    | 2             | 0546    | 19                 |
| 8-1  | MC   | Ventrex           | TT4                      | I <sup>125</sup>                   | ≤20uCi | 2             | 02089   | 8-29 <sup>mp</sup> |
|      |      | ClinAssay         | FT4                      | I <sup>125</sup>                   | 21     | 3             | 0099    | 8/8 <sup>co</sup>  |
|      |      | Abi-Hayek         | HCG                      | I <sup>125</sup>                   | 24     | 2             | 2180    | 65                 |
| 8-2  | MC   | Ventrex           | T4                       | I <sup>125</sup>                   | ≤20    | 3             | 12149   | 8-29 <sup>mp</sup> |
|      | MC   | "                 | T <sub>3</sub> Up        | I <sup>125</sup>                   | ≤10    | 1             | 02019   | 40                 |
| 8-3  | MC   | Abi-Hayek         | Digoxin                  | I <sup>125</sup>                   | Faci   | 3             | K01949  | 22                 |
|      | MC   | Ventrex           | T <sub>3</sub> U         | I <sup>125</sup>                   | ≤10uCi | 1             | 02019   | 8/10mp             |
| 8-4  | MC   | Amerishan         | LH                       | I <sup>125</sup>                   | ≤6uCi  | 1             | 212591  |                    |
|      | "    | A1                | FSH                      | I <sup>125</sup>                   | ≤6uCi  | 1             | 91      | 8/64               |
|      |      | ClinAssay         | FT4                      | I <sup>125</sup>                   | ≤21uCi | 3             | 0104    | 8/17 <sup>co</sup> |
|      |      | Abi-Hayek         | HCG                      | I <sup>125</sup>                   | ≤48uCi | 2             | 12180   | 196                |
|      | DPC  | Control           | I <sup>125</sup>         | Faci                               | 1      |               | 320     |                    |
|      | DPC  | Estradiol         | I <sup>125</sup>         | <6                                 | 1      |               | 077     |                    |
| 8/8  | MC   | Ventrex           | Vast                     | I <sup>125</sup>                   | ≤10    | 1             | 02199   | 30                 |
|      | MC   | TGE               | I <sup>125</sup>         | ≤10                                | 1      |               | 22209   | 220                |
|      | MC   | T <sub>3</sub> Up | T <sub>3</sub> Up        | I <sup>125</sup>                   | ≤10    | 1             | 02199   |                    |
| 8/9  | MC   | Diagnostic        | Digoxin                  | I <sup>125</sup>                   | ≤12    | 3             | K12209  | 8/15KA             |
|      | MC   | TT4               | Digoxin                  | I <sup>125</sup>                   | ≤20uCi | 2             | 02219   | 32                 |
| 8/10 | MC   | Bio-Rad           | B <sub>123</sub> -folate | I <sup>125</sup> /I <sup>123</sup> | ≤40uCi | 2             | 9119416 |                    |
|      |      | Bio-Rad           | Ferritin                 | I <sup>125</sup>                   | ≤80uCi | 2             | 9029404 | 123-5              |
|      |      | Beckon-Dick       | Gastrin                  | I <sup>125</sup>                   | ≤38uCi | 1             | 255017  |                    |
| 8/11 | MC   | DPC               | Estradiol                | I <sup>125</sup>                   | ≤64uCi | 1             | 076     |                    |
|      | MC   | Ventrex           | TT4                      | I <sup>125</sup>                   | ≤30uCi | 3             | 02219   | 8-29 <sup>mp</sup> |
| 8/11 | MC   | "                 | T <sub>3</sub> Y         | I <sup>125</sup>                   | ≤20uCi | 2             | 02199   | 50                 |
| 8/14 | MC   | Amerishan         | FSH                      | I <sup>125</sup>                   | ≤6     | 1             | 91      | 12                 |
|      |      | "                 | LH                       | I <sup>125</sup>                   | <6     | 1             | 91      |                    |

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|---------|---------|-------------|-------------------|-------------------------|-----------------|-------------|----------------|
|         |         |             | ANTIGEN           | ISOTOPE                 | # UCI           |             |                |
| 8-15-89 | Am      | CIBA        | HCG               | I <sup>125</sup>        | <24uci          | 1           | 12286          |
|         |         | CIBA        | Digoxin           | I <sup>125</sup>        | ≤12             | 3           | K02229         |
| 8/16    | Ventrex | T4          | T4                | I <sup>125</sup>        | ≤20uci          | 2           | 02219          |
|         |         | Vist        |                   | I <sup>125</sup>        | ≤10uci          | 1           | 22199          |
| 8-17    | else    | Clin Assays | FT4               | I <sup>125</sup>        | ≤14uci          | 2           | 0112           |
|         | px      | BD          | Gastrin           | I <sup>125</sup>        | ≤3.5uci         | 1           | XN1745         |
| 8/17    | Ch      | VENTREX     | THYROID           | I <sup>125</sup>        | ≤10uci          | 4           | 02219          |
| 8-18    | CC      | Amersham    | FSH               | I <sup>125</sup>        | ≤3uci           | 1           | 92A            |
|         |         |             | LH                | I <sup>125</sup>        | ≤3uci           | 1           | 91             |
| 8-21    | else    | Biofact     | B12/Folate        | I <sup>125</sup>        | ≤20uci          | 1           | 9119417        |
|         |         | Baxter      | FT4               | I <sup>125</sup>        | ≤14uci          | 2           | 0112           |
|         | Ventrex | T4          | I <sup>125</sup>  | ≤30uci                  | 3               | 02219       |                |
|         |         | Vist        | I <sup>125</sup>  | ≤10uci                  | 1               | 02279       |                |
| 8/22    | CC      | CIBA        | HCG               | I <sup>125</sup>        | ≤1uci           | 1           | 12286          |
|         |         |             | Dig               | I <sup>125</sup>        | 12uci           | 3           | K02291         |
| 8-23    | CC      | DPC         | Estriadiol        | I <sup>125</sup>        | ≤6uci           | 1           | 082            |
|         |         | Baxter      | I <sup>125</sup>  | FT4                     | ≤7uci           | 3           | 0114           |
|         |         | Ciba-Cam    | DIG               | I <sup>125</sup>        | ≤11uci          | 4           | K02229         |
| 8/24    | Ch      | Ventrex     | T4                | I <sup>125</sup>        | ≤3uci           | 3           | 02369          |
| 8-28    | CC      | Bio-Rad     | B12/Folate        | I <sup>125</sup><br>PO5 | ≤16uci<br>≤4uci | 2           | 9119952        |
| 8-29    | Am      | CIBA        | HCG               | I <sup>125</sup>        | ≤48uci          | 2           | 12391          |
| 8/30    | CD      | Ventrex     | TTH               | I <sup>125</sup>        | ≤30uci          | 2           | 12369          |
| 8/30    | CD      | JenTrex     | T3U               | I <sup>125</sup>        | ≤20             | 3           | 02299          |
| 8/30    | CD      | Ventrex     | IgE               | I <sup>125</sup>        | ≤10             | 1           | 02349          |
| 8/31    | Ch      | VENTREX     | T4U               | I <sup>125</sup>        | ≤10             | 1           | 12299          |
|         |         | VENTREX     | THYROID           | I <sup>125</sup>        | ≤40             | 4           | 12369          |
| 9/1     | Ch      | DPC         | Concan            | I <sup>125</sup>        | ≤9              | 1           | 327            |
|         |         | DPC         | Estriadiol        | I <sup>125</sup>        | ≤18             | 2           | 0849           |

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