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Gentlemen:

This is in reply to your letter of August 18, 1989 requesting further information on Item C of your Notice of Violation letter issued for Naval Hospital Guam. NRC License No. 45-23645-01NA, Docket No. 030-29462 applies.

We have further reviewed turnover and training of personnel at Naval Hospital Guam, as well as information pertaining to the eye applicator source, and can report the following:

- The hospital has 3 nuclear medicine technicians, 2 full-time military technicians and one civilian technician.
- The civilian technician worked 2 1/2 days per week between February and August 1988, and became a full-time employee in August 1988.
- The junior military technician reported in April 1988 and had a one week contact turnover with the individual he was replacing.
- The senior military technician reported on July 27, 1988 and had a 10 day contact turnover.
- At no time during this period was there a gapping of nuclear medicine technician billets. Technicians familiar with the Guam clinic were on board at all times in 1988.
- CAPT Fulmer, the authorized user on the Guam permit, reports unequivocally that he was aware that the eye applicator source was on board. The source was in storage in a secured source storage area in the nuclear medicine spaces.

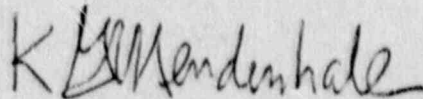
Based on the above, we believe there was adequate technician continuity at Naval Hospital Guam, and there was knowledge of and control over the eye applicator source. We have reevaluated the

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corrective action reported for Item C in our July 19, 1989 reply to the Guam Notice of Violation and believe it to be adequate.

Sincerely,



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