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Gentlemen:

SUBJECT: NRC INSPECTION REPORT NO: 52-17659-02/89-01

As a followup to our letter dated October 24, 1989, we have evaluated your response of September 29, 1989, to our Notice of Violation issued on August 30, 1989, concerning activities conducted under NRC License No. 52-17659-02. We have evaluated your response and found that it meets the requirements of 10 CFR 2.201. However, the August 16, 1989, letter of Mr. Daniel Torres to you, a copy of which was sent to us on August 24, 1989, failed to adequately evaluate the exposure to the fingers of your right hand. Consequently, we have contracted with Oak Ridge Associated Universities (ORAU) to perform an independent dose assessment under the set of exposure conditions which you specified to the inspector.

Based on telephone conversations between you and the inspector on August 28 and November 22, 1989, it is our understanding that you have discontinued the practice of opening the eyelids of your patients with your bare hands while positioning the Strontium-90 Eye Applicator for treatment and are now using tape or other device to open the eyelids during treatment of patients. If your understanding of the discussions is different from that above, please inform this office promptly.

We will notify you of the results of the dose assessment in the near future and will examine the implementation of your corrective actions during future inspections.

Sincerely,

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