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UNITED STATES
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION
REGION I
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Docket Nos. 70-2925, 30-00111

2 APR 1981

St. Mary's Hospital
ATTN: Sister Marguerite Waite
Associate Executive Director
56 Franklin Street
Waterbury, Connecticut 06702



Gentlemen:

Subject: Inspection 81-01

This refers to the special safety inspection conducted by Dr. L. F. Friedman of this office on February 27, 1981 of activities authorized by NRC License Nos. SNM-1867 and 06-00679-02 and to the discussions of our findings held by Dr. Friedman with yourself at the conclusion of the inspection, and to a subsequent telephone discussion between Mr. Charles Gignac, your consultant physicist and Dr. Friedman on March 2, 1981.

The inspection was an examination of activities conducted under your licenses as they relate to radiation safety and to compliance with the Commission's rules and regulations and the conditions of your licenses. The inspection consisted of selective examinations of procedures and representative records, interviews with personnel, measurements made by the inspector, and observations by the inspector.

Within the scope of this inspection, no items of noncompliance were observed.

From the March 2, 1981 telephone conversation between Dr. Friedman and Mr. Charles Gignac, your consultant physicist, we understand that Mr. Gignac plans to modify the "Vamp" radiation monitor in your teletherapy room so that the visible light signal will be activated whenever radiation levels are above those normal for "beam-off" conditions, but the audible alarm will not sound unless the door is opened when radiation levels are above the set point of the monitor. We will review this matter during the next inspection of your licensed program.

In accordance with Section 2.790 of the NRC's "Rules of Practice," Part 2, Title 10, Code of Federal Regulations, a copy of this letter will be placed in the Public Document Room.

No reply to this letter is required; however, should you have any questions concerning this inspection, we will be pleased to discuss them with you.

Sincerely,

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