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Gentlemen:

SUBJECT: REPLY TO NOTICE OF VIOLATION

Thank you for your letter dated January 25, 1990, in response to our letter dated December 27, 1989. We note your disagreement with the implication in the investigation synopsis that no verbal notification was made by a member of the Radioisotope Committee (RIC) secretariat staff to the Keesler Air Force Base Medical Center Radiation Safety Officer and your conclusion that the medical permit reviewer did not have a "careless disregard" for NRC regulations. However, we do not intend to debate these aspects of the matter; the outcome would not alter the fact that the violation occurred and that it occurred as a result of a conscious decision to remain in noncompliance. While we also recognize your views on the safety significance of this matter, the severity of the violation was based on both the actual significance and the willfulness aspects involved. We accept your comments concerning the references to the Radiation Safety Officer and Radioisotope Committee in our letter of December 27, 1989, and the enclosed synopsis. Your reply will be made part of the record of this case. We have no further questions at this time. We consider the corrective actions that you took to have been effective.

Sincerely,

Original Signed By:

A. B. BEACH

A. Bill Beach, Director
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and Safeguards

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