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Mr. Nunzio Palladino  
Chairman  
Nuclear Regulatory Commission  
Washington, D.C. 20555

Dear Mr. Palladino:

On August 17, I wrote you regarding my constituent,  
Roger Marks of Modesto (copy of letter attached). To  
date, I still have not received a response and would  
appreciate your attention to this matter.

In addition, I have recently received further word  
from Mr. Marks, a copy of which also is attached for  
your review. Mr. Palladino, I would appreciate not  
only your attention to my previous correspondence  
with you of August 17, but I would also appreciate  
your advising me if it's true that your agency did in  
fact contact the California Department of Industrial  
Relations to advise that my constituent needs a  
state license. If so, upon what authority? Has your  
agency subjected any other jewelry stores to this kind  
of treatment for importing watches from Switzerland with  
minute amounts of tritium on their dials?

I would appreciate your prompt response on this matter.

Sincerely,

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TONY COELHO  
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Congress of the United States  
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August 17, 1981

Mr. Nunzio Palladino  
Chairman  
Nuclear Regulatory Commission  
Washington, D.C. 20555

Dear Mr. Palladino:

I am writing regarding the attached communication I have received from my constituent, Roger Marks of Modesto.

Mr. Marks operates a jewelry store and has come under fire from your agency with regard to his possession of 150 watches during 1979-1980 that had a minute amount of tritium paint on their dials. It seems to me that his observation that his case is a perfect example of mindless and overzealous regulatory zeal is legitimate, and I would appreciate your checking into this matter and letting me know what you plan to do about the streamlining and reduction of such regulatory hassles.

Sincerely,

TONY COELHO  
MEMBER OF CONGRESS

cc: OMB Director David A. Stockman

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# HEIRLOOM DISTRIBUTORS

## Rogers Jewelers

1408 Tenth Street • P.O. Box 3151 • Modesto, CA 95353 • (209) 578-1873  
October 8, 1981

The Honorable Tony Coelho  
Representative in Congress  
Federal Building  
1125 I Street  
Modesto, Ca. 95354 —

Dear Mr. Coelho:

As further indication of what I consider undue government regulation, enclosed is a copy of a letter received from the State of California regarding our problem of selling watches with tritium paint on the dial. The Nuclear Regulatory Commission apparently contacted the California Department of Industrial Relations and informed them they felt we needed a state license also.

I personally talked with Mr. Franaszek on the phone and told him all we were doing was importing watches from Switzerland that had minute amounts of tritium on the dials. He indicated to me he didn't see why we should be required to have a license. I then received the enclosed letter which apparently indicates we have to throw away our inventory of watches or suffer the expense of the license. Other jewelry stores selling watches are not required to have this license and I simply do not understand why we should be required to do so.

I know you have been working on this matter for us. Anything further you can do to help "get these people off our back" will be greatly appreciated.

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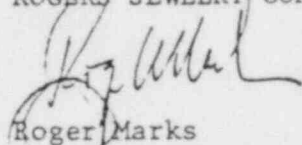
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The Honorable Tony Coelho

October 8, 1981

I am also enclosing a copy of my letter to Mr. Franaszek for your information.

Very truly yours,

ROGERS JEWELRY COMPANY

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Roger Marks", is written over a circular stamp.

Roger Marks  
President

RM:rd  
Encs.



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EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor

## DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS

575 GOLDEN GATE AVENUE

SAN FRANCISCO 94102

ADDRESS REPLY TO:

P.O. Box 603

San Francisco, 94101

October 5, 1981

Rogers Jewelry Co.  
1408 10th St.  
Modesto, CA 95353

Attention Mr. Roger Marks

Gentlemen

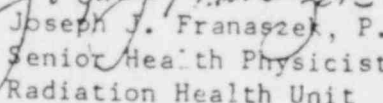
This refers to our discussion on October 1, 1981 concerning possession of radioactive material in California. We understand that you are in the process of transferring all the radioactive material you possess and terminating your NRC License No. 04-12377-01 E.

Your previous activity of storing watches containing Tritium for purposes of commercial distribution required prior authorization from the State of California. Possession for commercial sales without a state license is contrary to Section 30172 of the California Radiation Control Regulations (Title 17, CAC).

If our understanding is correct that all tritium containing watches now in your possession are to be transferred for waste disposal purposes only, it will not be necessary for you to make application for a California license at this time.

Your corrective actions will be verified at our next inspection. Should you have any questions in this matter we will be glad to discuss them with you.

Very truly yours

  
Joseph J. Franaszek, P. E.  
Senior Health Physicist  
Radiation Health Unit

JJF:esn

cc RHS,s

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October 8, 1981

Mr. Joseph J. Franaszek, P.E.  
Senior Health Physicist  
Radiation Health Unit  
Department of Industrial Relations  
P. O. Box 603  
San Francisco, Ca. 94101

Dear Mr. Franaszek:

As I understand your letter of October 5th, you are asking that we throw away our inventory of watches. We feel this is an unreasonable request and are relatively sure that other jewelry stores in the state of California are not required to have a license.

I am uncertain at this point exactly what to do (but I am not throwing my inventory of watches away), and would appreciate hearing from you regarding a reasonable solution to this matter.

Very truly yours,

ROGERS JEWELRY COMPANY

Roger Marks  
President

RM:rd