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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION  
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MEMORANDUM FOR: G. W. Roy, Chief  
Field Coordination and Enforcement  
Branch  
Office of Inspection and Enforcement

FROM: G. Wayne Kerr, Assistant Director  
for State Agreements Program  
Office of State Programs

SUBJECT: POSSIBLE UNAUTHORIZED ACTIVITIES BY AN NRC LICENSEE

On October 19, 1976, we received the attached letter from the State of Tennessee, Department of Public Health, concerning the subject matter.

This is a request for I&E to look into Picker Corporation's possible use of byproduct material by unauthorized individuals. In addition, you may wish to discuss with Picker Corporation, the need for notifying an Agreement State of proposed licensed activities in that State.

We would appreciate being informed of the results of any inquiries you may make regarding this matter.

*G. Wayne Kerr*  
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September 28, 1976

Picker Corporation  
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Cleveland, Ohio 44110

Attn: R. W. Arndt

Gentlemen:

We have received information that two Picker Corporation employees, David Bawcum and Johnny Tyra moved a Cobalt 60 teletherapy unit from one location to another. Inasmuch as the unit was loaded with radioactive material, this activity is licensable under the Tennessee Radiological Health Service Act and regulations of this Department. However, this Department has not issued a license to Picker Corporation for such activity. Neither were we notified of any proposed entry into the State to conduct this activity by reciprocal recognition of a license issued by any other regulatory agency as provided for in the regulations. In addition, we have searched the copies of licenses issued to Picker Corporation by other agencies which we have on file and do not find the names of the above individuals listed as authorized users for any activity involving Cobalt 60 in teletherapy units.

Your immediate attention and response to this matter is urged. Also, until acceptable evidence has been obtained by this Department that Picker Corporation intends to and will comply with "State Regulations for Protection Against Radiation", no further activity involving radioactive material is to be conducted by Picker Corporation within Tennessee.

Sincerely yours,

*Charles P. West*

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cc: Nuclear Regulatory Commission