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Dear Dr. Friedman:

As discussed in our phone conversation of 17 March, I am providing you a letter covering our conversation about the status of the US Army Electronics Research and Development Command (ERADCOM), Ionizing Radiation Protection Program. In your conversation with Mr. Steve Horne, you had already been appraised of the continuing Radiation Protection Officer (RPO) support provided by his office.

We are still recruiting for the two ERADCOM RPO vacancies. In the past week ten candidates have been telephonically screened with interviews and processing of paperwork having been initiated.

As a result of some concerns raised by you during your review of the program, Mr. Horne's office provided an in depth evaluation of the program to identify specific deficiencies. A total of 25 findings were raised. A combined effort by both Commands has resulted in 21 of those findings being resolved.

Several options and considerations for the disposal of Patterson Army Hospital radioactive waste material were discussed. In particular a review of Part 31.11 and the hospital's NRC license for applicable radioactive waste requirements was suggested.

As an integral part of the effort to improve the Radiation Protection Program for ERADCOM at Fort Monmouth, a comprehensive training program is planned. This is anticipated to be accomplished annually as well as on an as needed basis for new radiation workers. The last such training was offered in May 1980. The NRC Regulatory Guides 8.13, 8.27, and 8.29 were also discussed.

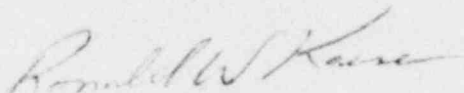
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The final subject of our conversation was the release of the Sandy Hook facility for unrestricted use. It was pointed out that the NRC needs to review the documentation on where waste materials went and a close out survey. NRC will then decide if a confirmatory survey is necessary. This coordination and possible NRC survey is to be entered into the ERADCOM milestones for release of the Sandy Hook facility.

Sincerely,



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