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Re: NRC Investigation of St. Mary Medical Center

Dear Paige:

Thank you for your letter to me dated September 25, 1990. In that letter you nominated Richard Steves, M.D. as a physician who would work with Dr. Hornback to conduct an audit of the brachytherapy program at St. Mary Medical Center - Hobart and Gary ("Licensees"). Before the Licensees can nominate Dr. Steves, we need to receive certain additional information from you.

As was requested in my letter to you dated September 20, 1990, we need to receive from you information about Dr. Steves' experience in brachytherapy. Specifically, because Dr. Sarma has performed gynecological procedures, head and neck procedures, and chest procedures, Dr. Steves should be familiar with procedures in all three areas. It is my understanding that some radiation oncologists specialize their practice and perform procedures in only one area. The Licensees need to insure that Dr. Steves is qualified in all three areas. In addition, we need to receive from you confirmation that Dr. Steves has stated his willingness to participate in the audit. Lastly, we need to receive from you the certifications requested by the NRC in its letter dated September 21, 1990. A copy of the NRC's September 21, 1990 letter is enclosed. Specifically, the NRC has requested that the Licensees certify that each member of the audit team has no

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fully understand 10 C.F.R. 35.2. Because you are proposing Dr. Steves, you will need to provide these certifications to the Licensees, and in reliance thereon the Licensees will provide the requested certifications to the NRC.

With regard to the use of physicist Buhdatt R. Paliwal, we intend to rely on the expertise of Dr. Hornback to select a physicist. As I stated to you in my letter dated September 20, 1990, in the event that Dr. Sarma intends to nominate a physicist, we would like for your nominee-physician to contact Dr. Hornback and for the two (2) physicians to agree upon a physicist.

In the event that Dr. Hornback and Dr. Steves agree upon the use of Dr. Paliwal, or any other physicist who has been proposed by Dr. Sarma, we will need to receive from you information about the physicist's experience in brachytherapy. Specifically, the NRC has requested that the physicist be trained and/or certified as a medical physicist and a health physicist. We need confirmation from you that any physicist proposed by Dr. Sarma possesses these qualifications. In addition, we will need to receive from you the two (2) certifications requested by the NRC. For your information, we have received the curriculum vitae of Dr. Paliwal, and a statement from Dr. Sarma that Dr. Paliwal is willing to participate in the audit. You need not, therefore, provide us with that information.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions. I intend to telecopy to the NRC the letter nominating the audit team at about noon tomorrow. Therefore, we need to receive the requested information from you prior to that time. Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

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