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Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center
Jerry L. Pettis Memorial Veterans Hospital
11201 Benton Street
Loma Linda, CA 92357

Attention: Dean R. Stordahl
Medical Center Director

In our letter dated December 4, 1992, to Mr. Charles Clark, the V.A. Loma Linda Medical Center Director at that time, we indicated that the August 9, 1990 incident involving the administration of a therapeutic radioiodine dose constituted a misadministration pursuant to 10 CFR 35.2.

After numerous discussions and correspondence with V.A. Loma Linda Medical Center staff and our Offices of General Counsel and Nuclear Materials Safety and Safeguards staff, we have reconsidered our position on this incident and determined that it did not constitute a misadministration. Our Office of General Counsel concluded that at the time of the therapeutic administration the determination to adjust the initial written directive had been made with the best interests of the patient in mind prior to the administration in consultation with other physicians who can verify this fact.

We appreciate the cooperation of the medical center staff and Radiation Safety Office during our evaluations of this incident.

Sincerely,

G.P. Yuhas for

Ross A. Scarano, Director
Division of Radiation Safety and
Safeguards

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