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Whitehead Institute for Biomedical Research
ATTN: Gerald Fink, Ph.D.
Director
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Cambridge, Massachusetts 02142

Gentlemen:

Subject: Routine Inspection No. 90-001

On August 27 and 28, 1990, C. T. Oberg and C. J. Eckert of this office conducted a routine safety inspection at the above address of activities authorized by the above listed NRC licenses. The inspection was an examination of your licensed activities as they relate to radiation safety and to compliance with the Commission's regulations and the license conditions. The inspection consisted of observations by the inspector, interviews with personnel, and a selective examination of representative records. In addition, our inspection examined the activities covered in your correspondence dated July 18, 1988. The findings of the inspection were discussed with J. Pratt and M. Glanek at the conclusion of the inspection.

Based on the results of this inspection, it appears that your activities were not conducted in full compliance with NRC requirements. A Notice of Violation is enclosed as Appendix A and categorizes each violation by severity level in accordance with the "General Statement of Policy and Procedure for NRC Enforcement Actions," 10 CFR Part 2, Appendix C (Enforcement Policy). You are required to respond to this letter and in preparing your response, you should follow the instructions in Appendix A.

In accordance with Section 2.790 of the NRC's "Rules of Practice," Part 2, Title 10, Code of Federal Regulations, a copy of this letter and your reply will be placed in the Public Document Room.

The responses directed by this letter and the accompanying Notice are not subject to the clearance procedures of the Office of Management and Budget as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1980, PL 96-511.

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Your cooperation with us is appreciated.

Sincerely,

Original Signed By:
John D. Kinneman

John D. Kinneman, Chief
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Enclosure:
Appendix A, Notice of Violation

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