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United States Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Mr. John A. Grobe, Chief,
Nuclear Materials Safety Branch
799 Roosevelt Road
Glen Ellyn, Illinois 60137

Re: Lic. No. 34-20317-01
Docket No. 030-18243
AMS No. 90-0078

Dear Mr. Grobe:

This letter is in response to your letter and notice of violation dated October 12, 1990. In question is the repossession of assets from the Ohio Citizens Bank including equipment, supplies and a nominal 200 microcurie cesium-137 sealed calibration source obtained from Dr. Stringfield's former practice located East Maumee St., Adrian, Michigan. My associate Dr. Michael Kuehne and myself have had several phone conversations with your staff including Mr. Gary Shear and Mr. Robert Gattone, Mr. Maurice Messier, Office of the Controller and Finance Division of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission and also consultants including Nuclear Medicine Consultants out of Ann Arbor, Michigan and Health Physics Services from Rockville, Maryland. Since the acquisition of equipment and supplies from Dr. Stringfield's former practice, we have tried to correspond as closely as possible with the above individuals and enclosed you will find copies of these letters of correspondence.

As noted in the October 10, 1990 letter directed to Mr. Robert Gattone, we elected to close the practice in Adrian and all of the supplies were moved on the 4th and 5th of October. The cesium source was brought back to Toledo, Ohio on Wednesday, October 3, 1990 without incident. Prior to and following the removal of the nominal source a very careful and complete close-out survey was completed and all areas were found to be at background level at 0.02 mR/hr. Therefore, I believe full actions as to the disposition of the cesium source were completed effective 10/3/90.

I believe that the events surrounding the acquisition of the assets (which were abandoned by Dr. Stringfield) from Ohio Citizens Bank were rather unique and I would appreciate any thoughts you might have regarding these special circumstances. If in the future similar practice assets including nuclear materials would become available, we would certainly take all appropriate steps necessary for their proper acquisition and


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disposition. We realize that this may include ammendments to our present license.

I hope that you find this note and enclosures helpful and complete so that the violations may be rescinded. I would again appreciate your thoughts and advice concerning this type of situation should it arise in the future! Should further information be necessary, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,



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Enclosure