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Dear Dr. Thompson:

As Mr. Kerr discussed with you at the conclusion of our March 26-27, 1968 meeting in Lincoln, it is our practice, following each review meeting, to confirm our comments and suggestions regarding the State's radiation control program. Based on our discussions during the review meeting, a review of selected State license and inspection files, and the information we receive through our continuing contacts with the State, the following comments and suggestions are provided for your consideration.

We were favorably impressed with the progress and current status of the Nebraska agreement materials program. We noted during the meeting that there is no backlog of license applications or overdue inspections. The State's licensing actions are well documented and the inspection reports well prepared.

It is our understanding that the current budget has limited the number of personnel available for the radiological health program. The personnel situation will be further endangered by the reassignment of the FHO assignee during the summer of 1968. The X-ray, radium, and environmental surveillance programs are primarily affected. Accordingly, we urge the Department to use its best efforts to assure that adequate personnel resources are available for administering the total radiological health program.

We have continuously followed the policy of urging Agreement States to update their regulations at regular intervals. We understand that you plan to begin such a revision in the coming year but printing will be delayed until fiscal year 1970. We would appreciate the opportunity to comment on your proposed changes while they are still in draft form.

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I would like to express my appreciation for the cooperation and courtesies extended to Mr. Kerr during his visit and for your personal interest in the agreement materials program. If you have any questions concerning our comments, please let us know.

Sincerely yours,

"Signed" Eber R. Price

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