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January 8, 1991

Mr. A. Bert Davis
Regional Administrator
Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Region III
799 Roosevelt Road
Glen Ellyn, IL 60137

Re: St. Mary's Medical Center, Hobart - Gary
Audit Report of Brachytherapy Program

Dear Mr. Davis:

From the point of view of the physician community and in order to insure that any future NRC investigations which may necessitate such an audit report are not wasteful of the resources of the government and the private parties involved, I urge that the final report in this matter, as indicated by the auditors, suggest the following procedures for the future.

1. That NRC investigators be aware of the nonindustrial nature of the health care delivery system and be careful to review all medical charts and documents whether maintained by the hospital or the physician before reaching conclusions; and

2. If the government intends to interject itself into the practice of medicine by requiring additional pretreatment steps of prescribing dosages, that such regulations be published and clearly disseminated to involved physicians so that, among other things, they not be accused of overutilization.

Very truly yours,

J. Paige Clousson

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cc: Steven Pratt, Esq.

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