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William A. Mountcastle, Director
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Dear Mr. Mountcastle:

This letter responds to your August 30, 1994, letter to Stewart Ebner, Regional Administrator, NRC Region II. In your letter, you advised, as required by Item A of the Order dated September 13, 1994, of Mr. Carl Chappell's pending return to duty at the Medical Center and the review and orientation program Mr. Chappell would be required to complete prior to engaging in licensed activities. You also indicated that a rigorous monitoring program had been instituted to assure Mr. Chappell's compliance with regulatory requirements.

While your outline of the measures the Medical Center has proposed in response to Mr. Chappell's return appear appropriate, additional information is required before we can determine if they are sufficient to provide reasonable assurance that Mr. Chappell will comply with regulatory requirements when he resumes licensed activities. Therefore, please submit within 5 days of receipt of this letter a statement explaining in greater detail the subject matter of the review and orientation program. Also, please describe the other components of your monitoring program (i.e., what activities [of Mr. Chappell's] will be reviewed in progress and what activities will be audited after completion) and how they are expected to ensure Mr. Chappell's compliance with regulatory requirements.

Should you have any questions about this matter, do not hesitate to contact Mr. Douglas Collins of my staff. He may be reached at (404) 331-5586.

Sincerely,

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