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RE: Docket No. 030-19021, License No. 18-19430-01

Dear Mr. Martin:

Your letter and routine inspection result summary arrived while I was on vacation and was read on September 4, 1984. The source in question will have its first use this fall in November or early December. I would prefer to reply in detail to your July 31 letter when our amendment process is well along or complete.

Mr. Thompson suggested on June 11 during his visit a method of wipe testing the source which was useful; the source was wiped and found to be leakfree on June 19. We will shortly obtain a 0.05 Ci cesium source with which to compare directly wipe test results.

It is our most fundamental aim to insure that students' use of this source be accomplished with minimum risk and exposure. We appreciate Mr. Thompson's visit and your summary report as aids in meeting this goal.

Yours sincerely,

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