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Veterans Administration Central Office
ATTN: James J. Smith, M.D.
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Dear Dr. Smith:

In accordance with our July 28, 1983 telephone conversation I am returning, without NRC action, the July 22, 1983 letter signed by Mr. Gavazzi that requests an amendment to License No. SNM-1605. From our telephone conversation and your note on Mr. Gavazzi's letter, I understand that the VA Circular pertaining to pacemakers is being revised to delete nuclear units from the VA program. Accordingly, the requested amendment is not needed.

In view of the extensive discussions I have had with Mr. Bowman and Dr. Fletcher of the VA in Washington, D.C., with you, Ms. Malaskiewicz and Dr. Schepers of the VA Central Office and with Mr. Nicolosi of NRC's Region I Office, I believe that it would be helpful to receive a copy of the original VA circular on the VA's new pacemaker program. It would also be helpful to receive a copy of any subsequent changes to that circular, particularly any showing the final decision by the VA Central Office to exclude nuclear pacemakers from the VA program.

If you have any questions on these matters, please call me at 427-4232.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure: As stated

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