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University of Connecticut Health Center
ATTN: Leonard P. Paplauskus
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Gentlemen:

Subject: Routine Inspection No. 87-001

On July 30 and 31, 1987, Mrs. Teresa Hall Darden of this office conducted a routine safety inspection at the above address and also at the Veterans Administration Hospital, Newington, Connecticut of activities authorized by the above listed NRC licenses. The inspection was an examination of your licensed activities as they relate to radiation safety and to compliance with the Commission's regulations and the license conditions. The inspection consisted of observations by the inspector, interviews with personnel, and a selective examination of representative records. The findings of the inspection were discussed with you and others of your staff at the conclusion of the inspection. This also refers to the telephone conversation on August 18, 1987 between Dr. Vincent Penikas and Mrs. Darden.

Based on the results of this inspection, it appears that your activities were not conducted in full compliance with NRC requirements. A Notice of Violation is enclosed as Appendix A and categorizes each violation by severity level in accordance with the "General Statement of Policy and Procedure for NRC Enforcement Actions," 10 CFR Part 2, Appendix C (Enforcement Policy). You are required to respond to this letter and in preparing your response, you should follow the instructions in Appendix A.

From the discussions conducted at the conclusion of the inspection and in an August 18, 1987 telephone discussion between Mrs. Darden and Dr. Penikas, we understand that you plan to require that the rear door of the Research Building, located on the Veterans Administration Hospital site in Newington, Connecticut, be locked at all times and that entry through this door be by authorized personnel only. Further, we understand that you plan to review and evaluate the security status of all buildings and areas where radioactive material is used or stored and implement tighter security controls where necessary.

If our understandings are not correct, please inform us in your response to this letter.

In accordance with Section 2.790 of the NRC's "Rules of Practice," Part 2, Title 10, Code of Federal Regulations, a copy of this letter and your reply will be placed in the Public Document Room.

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The responses directed by this letter and the accompanying Notice are not subject to the clearance procedures of the Office of Management and Budget as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1980, PL 96-511.

Your cooperation with us is appreciated.

Sincerely,

Original Signed By:
Francis M. Costello

for

John D. Kinneman, Chief
Nuclear Materials Safety Section A
Division of Radiation Safety
and Safeguards

Enclosure: Appendix A, Notice of Violation

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