

July 17, 2000

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With regard to items 3 and 4 in your letter, we commend efforts on your part which would enhance the synergy between the TRIGA and the AGN, and also upgrade the instrumentation module for the AGN-201.

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