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Re: Docket Nos. PRM-20-20, PRM-35-10, PRM-35-10A

Dear Dr. Marcus:

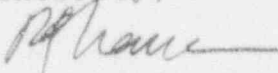
I was gratified to learn, from your letter to Mr. Chilk of November 9, 1992, that you believe that "the concept of sending patients home with 400 mCi of NaI-131 was ludicrous." Though my language was less vivid, that was of course the whole point of my comments of October 31, 1992.

Thank you for drawing my attention to my mistake in conflating your proposal to eliminate the 30 mCi standard with the ACNM's proposal to raise the 30 mCi limit to 400 mCi. I sincerely regret the error, which appears in two places on p. 7 of my October 31, 1992, submission. For the record, let me therefore make clear my acknowledgment that you neither proposed nor supported the ACNM position. (You are correct, by the way, in surmising that I was unaware of your written comments on the ACNM petition, but even if I had read them, I would not have realized, given the passage that you quote in your November 9 letter, that you thought the ACNM proposal "ludicrous.") I am happy to have the opportunity to correct what was an injustice to you, and I will place this letter in the docket file and see that it is forwarded to all those who got copies of my earlier submission. In every other particular, however, I stand by my October 31 submission.

I should add that I get no pleasure from placing details of my own medical history on the public record. I did so in this case not because I regarded myself as a medical professional, but because I saw the NRC staff proceeding with consideration of an important public health and safety issue without having some crucial information at its disposal: for example, on the issue of how patients feel after radioiodine treatment for thyroid illnesses. I wish that when Judith Brown asked that question at the ACMUI meeting and Don Cool of the NRC staff was unable to answer it, you had contributed your experience of the numerous thyroid patients you have treated. It is only when professionals whose experience encompasses many patients fail to speak out, leaving the NRC staff to make decisions in the dark, that individual patients may feel compelled to come forward, even at the cost of their own and their families' privacy.

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Sincerely,


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