

REPORT OF INQUIRY

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SUBJECT: HUMANA HOSPITAL GREEN BRIER VALLEY: ALLEGED ATTEMPTED BRIBERY

On December 9, 1983, Bruno URYC, Jr., Investigation/Allegation Coordination Staff, Division of Emergency Preparedness and Material Safety Programs, Region II, NRC, Atlanta, GA advised that a [REDACTED] Summers County Hospital, West Virginia, had reported what [REDACTED] perceived as a violation of an NRC licensing condition. The information furnished by URYC indicated that [REDACTED] had been approached by a [REDACTED] Humana Hospital Greenbrier Valley, Ronceverte, WV who offered to pay [REDACTED] per month for allowing the radiology department at the Humana Hospital Greenbrier Valley to utilize [REDACTED] name, which appears on the NRC license, as a basis for practicing nuclear medicine. URYC advised that from the information furnished by [REDACTED] [REDACTED] could stay at home and collect the money for doing nothing and only show up at the hospital during an inspection by NRC.

[REDACTED] was interviewed by NRC Investigator Daniel D. Murphy, who was accompanied by NRC Inspectors Robert BROWN and Harriet KARAGAINNIS. [REDACTED] related in a written sworn statement that on [REDACTED] was approached by [REDACTED] who offered to pay [REDACTED] a month for the use of [REDACTED] name on the NRC license and that [REDACTED] could stay at home and collect the money. According to [REDACTED] said that the only time [REDACTED] would have to show up at the hospital was during an inspection by the NRC. [REDACTED] stated that [REDACTED] thought that this type of activity was in violation of the NRC license condition and therefore notified the NRC of [REDACTED] proposition. A copy of [REDACTED] sworn statement is EXHIBIT (1).

[REDACTED] was interviewed by NRC Investigator Daniel D. Murphy, who was accompanied by NRC Inspectors Robert BROWN and Harriet KARAGAINNIS. [REDACTED] related that nuclear medicine at Humana Hospital Greenbrier Valley is only practiced when an NRC licensed physician user is available. [REDACTED] claimed that on two occasions (19 days in December 1982 and since December 2, 1983) the nuclear medicine department closed down due to the lack of an NRC licensed physician user. [REDACTED] indicated that on [REDACTED] suggested to [REDACTED] that they utilize [REDACTED] name on the license to practice nuclear medicine without the need for coming to the hospital. [REDACTED] claimed that this topic was discussed at a Radiation Safety Committee meeting on December 7, 1983 at which time it was determined to be an unauthorized use of the license. [REDACTED] pointed out that [REDACTED] had left the committee meeting prior to this discussion. A copy of the Results of Interview of [REDACTED] is EXHIBIT (2).

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Discussion with BROWN and KARAGAINNIS resulted in the determination that there are no immediate health and safety problems and the problems with [REDACTED] name remaining on the license would be resolved in a future inspection.

The misuse of the NRC license that was proposed to [REDACTED] by [REDACTED] for a monthly payment of [REDACTED] was referred to the Department of Justice on December 9, 1983. On December 16, 1983, Special Agent [REDACTED] FBI, Charleston, WV informed this office that [REDACTED] had been assigned to investigate the matter. [REDACTED] indicated that [REDACTED] would inform this office of the results of [REDACTED] investigation.

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