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In Reply Refer To 500/00

Mr. Christopher J. Eckert
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Dear Mr. Eckert:

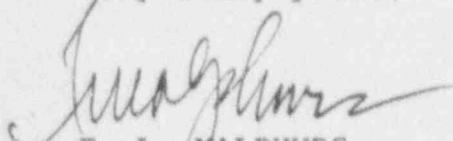
In reference to your site visit of our facility last week, we would like to apprise you of the following:

1. The Cesium needles which were unable to be found were located approximately 1 1/2 hours after the closing interview. The needles were located in a locked radioactive storage safe, behind appropriate lead shielding in Room 621-D. They were located after a thorough inventory of the contents of this room, and had been placed in this location by the previous Radiation Safety Officer, which is why the existing staffs were not readily able to point out their location to you.

2. We have hired Mr. John A. Dapolito, whose Curriculum Vitae is enclosed, to assist Dr. Kang in correcting the deficiencies found during your site visits. Mr. Dapolito is an extremely experienced health physicist, and will remain in our employ, under contract, until a suitable Radiation Safety Physicist can be hired for our full-time staff.

We will continue to keep your office informed as to progress made in the correction of deficiencies found by your visit.

Very truly yours,


F. L. MALPHURS
Director

cc: Chairman, Radiation Safety Committee
S. A. Kang, M.D.

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