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James G. Keppler, Regional Administrator  
United States Nuclear Regulatory  
Commission, Region III  
799 Roosevelt Road  
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RE: Docket No. 30-17157  
License No. 21-19219-01 MD

Dear Mr. Keppler,

Following is our written statement of explanation in reply to the violation received as a result of the NRC inspection conducted on May 21 and 22, 1985 at our Grand Rapids Medical Services Center NRC License No. 21-19219-01 MD.

1. The violation is admitted. The violation occurred because the vehicle was not under constant surveillance or secured, in accordance with license application instructions and company policy. Drivers prior to this violation associated vehicle security requirements with deliveries rather than with loading procedures.
2. The following corrective steps have been taken.

The loading process has been changed to indicate the following.

1. The drivers backs the delivery vehicle to the pharmacy rear entrance.
2. The brief cases are moved closer to the door for greater access.
3. The dispatcher maintains constant surveillance while loading occurs. This loading procedure was implemented immediately after the theft incident occurred and will prevent an incident of this nature from occurring again.
3. The following corrective steps have been taken to avoid further violations. Each driver was verbally informed of the incident and reminded to secure their delivery vehicle at all times and a memo containing the same message was circulated by the RSO and signed by the drivers. Management has required each Syncor Medical Services Center to meet with all drivers to reenforce the security requirements relative to there vehicles during loading and delivery. Each Medical Services Center Manager was required to document that such a meeting occurred with notification in writing to the health physics office.

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4. Full compliance with respect to proper security in Grand Rapids, Michigan occurred on April 11, 1985.

Sincerely,

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