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February 3, 1997

Charles Anderson, Vice President  
St. John Medical Center  
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Dear Mr. Anderson:

This letter refers to a telephone conversation on January 28, 1997, between you and Ms. Linda Howell of my staff. At that time, Ms. Howell informed you of the participation of a medical consultant to review the potential health consequences of a brachytherapy incident which occurred at your facility in August 1995.

As Ms. Howell noted during her conversation with you, the medical consultant performing the review, Dr. Judith Anne Stitt, is a physician who is experienced in radiation oncology. In accordance with NRC policy, the NRC regional offices routinely request the assistance of a medical consultant to assess potential health consequences which might be expected for the affected patient as the result of a misadministration. The medical consultant will also advise the NRC regarding the appropriateness of the inclusion of this patient into the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE), Office of Epidemiology and Health Surveillance Long-Term Medical Study Program. DOE sponsors this life-time morbidity study of personnel involved in radiation incidents through The Radiation Emergency Assistance Center/Training Site (REAC/TS) of the Oak Ridge Institute of Science and Education (ORISE). Any documents requested by, or provided to, the medical consultant will be controlled with the same level of confidentiality as those documents provided to NRC staff. A report of the consultant's findings will be provided to the NRC and will be placed in the NRC Public Document Room. Upon completion of the medical consultant's review, you will also receive a copy of the consultant's report.

As Ms. Howell noted, we are requesting that you inform the appropriate members of your staff of the medical consultant's participation, and that the medical consultant may be contacting them regarding this event. In addition to the medical physics staff and prescribing authorized user, please notify the referring physician of the medical consultant's review.

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Should you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact Ms. Linda Howell of this office at (817) 860-8213.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Ross A. Sparano".

Ross A. Sparano, Director  
Division of Nuclear Materials Safety

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