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Carolyn Lerner Special Counsel U.S. Office of Special Counsel 1730 M Street, N.W., Suite 300 Washington, D.C. 20036-4505 Attn: Catherine A. McMullen, Chief, Disclosure Unit

Re: OSC File Number DI-10-1024

Dear Ms. Lerner:

This is in response to Ms. Catherine McMullen's voicemail and follow-up email on September 27, 2011 regarding OSC File Number DI-10-1024 requesting the number of "patients' seen or affected by physicians who participated in the unaccredited nuclear medicine program, and whom were seen by the two unlicensed physicians mentioned in the agency report." Your office requested a letter stating the number of patients and the time period of review.

According to VA records, there were 4,167 patients seen in the nuclear medicine program from the time period of July 1, 2007 through June 30, 2010.

If you have any questions, please contact Katherine Seto in the Office of General Counsel at 202-461-7629.

Sincerely yours,

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