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Mr. Anthony Reale  
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Dear Mr. Reale:

The site of the Lutheran Medical Center was formerly used by the American Machine and Foundry Company (AMF) to provide various services to the Department of Energy's predecessor agency, the U.S. Atomic Energy Commission. The services included the machining and shaping of two radioactive metals, uranium and thorium. At the request of the Department of Energy (DOE) and with the consent of the Lutheran Medical Center, Oak Ridge Associated Universities (ORAU) visited the Center for the purpose of brief radiological monitoring.

The visit included radiological monitoring and soil sampling along 55th Street, where available records indicate that most of the radioactive metals were machined. The monitoring did not detect any residual radioactivity from the prior operations. Elevated gamma radiation levels were detected in some building materials and are consistent with natural radioactivity in the materials. Concentrations of uranium in the soil are comparable to those that are naturally occurring. The ORAU letter states that "Results of these limited survey activities do not indicate the presence of residual uranium attributable to the Atomic Energy Commission operations at the former AMF site." A copy of the letter report is enclosed for your information.

Since no radioactivity above background has been found at the Lutheran Medical Center, DOE will eliminate the site from consideration in its Formerly Utilized Sites Remedial Action Program (FUSRAP). I appreciate very much your assistance and the assistance of the Lutheran Medical Center in the arrangements for the visit by DOE's contractor.

If you have any questions, please feel free to call me at 301-903-8149.

Sincerely,

W. Alexander Williams, PhD  
Designation and Certification Manager  
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