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Ref: University of California, San Diego Radioactive Materials License 1339-37
 R/V Melville, presently RTS#000076

Dear Ms. Hernandez,

Please find listed a clarification regarding radioisotopes on the R/V Melville. This refers to the transit and use of a Cs-137 sediment core analyzer as listed in my December 16, 1999 "Letter of Clarification."

Please extend the previously stated cruise to include:

Dates: 6/12/00 – 7/6/00.

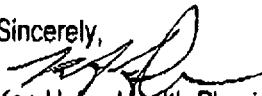
Location: International waters along the Mexican and California coasts.

Description: The source will remain on the ship, in its shielded storage container, and transit from Manzanillo to San Diego.

Radioisotope: cesium-137, 12 mCi., sealed source

If you have questions or comments regarding this letter's contents, please contact me at (858) 534-1069 or Sandy O'Brien at (858) 534-6103. Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,


 Ken Helm, Health Physicist
 Radiation Safety Officer
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