

## DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY

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Dear Dr. Garcia:

We have recently closed out Fiscal Year 1982 and have reviewed statistical data and accomplishments regarding the Worker's Compensation Program. I find that your office has been one of the primary sources of health care delivery services to Depot employees who were injured on the job and eligible for benefits under the Worker's Compensation Program administered by the Department of Labor.

You and your staff have been most helpful during this period. I want to express my appreciation for your concern in treating our employees and your patience and cooperation in working with us through the necessary paper processing. I hope you agree with my belief that maximum therapeutic and recovery benefits are obtained when the patient/employee can be returned to his/her job as soon as possible. Your precise identification of physical limitations and specific recommendations are essential to us in developing limited duty assignments for injured employees who have not fully recovered. Your evaluation serves as the basis for us to design a job situation and work environment to accommodate the employee's temporary infirmity in accord with your stated limitations under the monitorship of our Occupational Health Officer.

As a result of your support, in Fiscal Year 1982, we experienced a reduction in compensation costs to the taxpayer of \$30,614, a decrease of 31.5%, from the preceding year. More important is the fact that valuable human resources have been returned to productive and constructive pursuits as quickly as possible.

We are constantly seeking ways to improve our safety awareness, technology and occupational health practices and have made significant advances in recent years. Nevertheless, injuries will occur despite the establishment of the most careful safeguards and preventive programs. Therefore, we look forward to

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working closely with you and your staff and continuing the excellent relationship to further improve on this area of mutual concern - the health and care of your patient and our employee. Again, I offer my thanks and sincere appreciation for your assistance and cooperation.

Sincerely,

NILES C. CLARK, JR.

Colonel, TC Commanding