



September 28, 1999

Cst. John E. McDonald
Tactical Team Operations
474 Elgin Street
Ottawa, ON

RE: ADVANCED TASER

Dear Cst. McDonald,

Further to our meeting regarding the new advanced Taser system, I believe that the new device is superior to the original Taser system in that it seems to be more effective in controlling violent offenders. With regard to its medical safety, based on the information that was provided to me I cannot see that it should provide any increased risks to patients with either pacemakers or implantable defibrillators. Once again the risk and benefit ratio must be examined and certainly in the case of a violent offender, it would be favored to use this system regardless of any cardiac condition when compared to the alternative or violent way to incapacitate an offender.

Thank you very much for allowing me to review this system and I hope that it proves to be a useful tool for your tactical team. I would be happy to continue our discussions at any time.

Yours Sincerely,

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