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Dear Mr. Nash:

The Defense Medical Facilities Office would like to express sincere appreciation to Hugh O. Nash, Jr., P.E. in acknowledgement of the invaluable service you provided to the United States, this office and our design agent, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, in resolving the critical and complex differences between German and U.S. NFPA electrical code requirements during the design of the Spangdahlem and Heidelberg, Germany hospital projects.

The technical information you voluntarily provided during the initial design of these projects accurately detailed and precisely documented critical differences between the German National Electrical Standard for hospitals and U.S. NFPA-99 code requirements that threatened completion of our work. The problems created by these divergent code requirements threatened delay of the project schedule and could have created a catastrophic emergency power failure within the facilities without your corrective recommendations. Your ability to quickly identify critical deficiencies within the proposed design removed these threats and resolved a potentially destructive condition.

Your consummate engineering expertise, extensive knowledge of U.S. NFPA codes, regulations and requirements and ability to clearly and concisely document these conditions was instrumental in convincing German code authorities to accept the NFPA electrical codes, standards and criteria for all future hospital design projects on U.S. bases in Germany. The Defense Medical Facilities Office's work in the design of health care facilities in Germany has been markedly improved, thanks to your expertise and invaluable recommendations.

Your exceptional work in support of the Spangdahlem and Heidelberg, Germany hospital projects is greatly appreciated. The Defense Medical Facilities Office and United States Army Corps of Engineers is pleased and honored to award you this Letter of Appreciation for Extraordinary Service to the United States Department of Defense.

Thank you for this invaluable service to our country.

Sincerely,

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