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Dear Mr. Gross:

This will respond to your November 12, 1977 letters to Commissioner Barber and to the Director, Poultry Inspection Division, in which you asked questions about the anatomical locations at which poultry are vaccinated.

This Department no longer is engaged in poultry inspections. Since April of this year all poultry inspection in New York State has been conducted by the United States Department of Agriculture, Food Safety and Quality Service, Meat and Poultry Inspection Program. The Department never has had any control of or responsibility for determining that poultry vaccines given by injection were administered at a particular and uniform location. The following information cannot, therefore, be considered as accurate in all instances.

I believe that generally you will find that almost all chickens hatched and raised commercially in this state are vaccinated against Marek's Disease at the hatchery as day old chicks and that usually the vaccine is administered under the loose skin on the back of the neck. It is also my understanding that few, if any, turkeys hatched and raised commercially are immunized against Marek's Disease. When vaccines are administered by injection to turkeys, I do not know the usual recommended site.

I also refer you to the fifth and sixth paragraphs of my August 12, 1977, letter which I include again here. You must realize that any recommendations made by commercial suppliers of vaccines are only that. These suppliers have no control over how vaccine is administered to a particular flock by the grower of the birds or by the hatcherymen using their products.

"You may be able to obtain additional information concerning the current recommended methods of immunization of poultry from one of the commercial suppliers of vaccines and biologics. There are many such concerns in this country. Listed here are the names and addresses of two: Salsbury Laboratories, Charles City, Iowa 60616