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In reply:—The leaks reported by Dr. Rolbin and Dr. Wolf *et al.* are the only reported incidents of leaks in our universal mounting adapter. This system has served the needs of the delivery system for the VENTIMETER® Ventilator since its inception in 1963. Dr. Rolbin's first report of this leak was reviewed four years ago, but because of no other substantiation, was deemed to be an isolated incident.

In the last few months we have also learned of the recurrence of this problem in Dr. Rolbin's institution. As a result of these reports we are changing the pole of the universal bracket from chrome-plated brass to stain-

less steel. This will prevent the pole from developing stress cracks through the constant tightening of the universal clamp.

To purchase a replacement stainless steel pole, please contact your local representative or call toll free (800) 523-5756.

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