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In the May 2001 issue of the *AJNR*, I found a Historical Perspective article (1) about the articles on electrothrombosis of saccular aneurysms, which I published in 1991 (2, 3).

I feel truly honored, and I wholeheartedly wish to thank the author, Dr Charles Strother, and the *AJNR*. However, the perspective is not precise in the part that describes the first clinical case.

In fact, on March 6, 1990, different from what the Historical Perspective says, I did actively participate in the first Guglielmi detachable coil (GDC) procedure. With the invaluable help and insight of my colleagues at the University of California, Los Ange-

les, I did place, with my hands, the first GDCs in a human being, and I detached them, applying, for the first time, the electric current.

I am aware that this detail is not at all important for practical purposes; however, in the context of the history of our discipline, this adjustment portrays the real circumstances.

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