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Dear Mr. Martz, Mr. Taylor and Mr. Wedel:

This correspondence is in response to your letter and supporting materials dated July 21, 2007. I have since discussed the matter with Secretary Ashman in some detail.

Your concern for maintaining the highest standards and best practices for our museums and for the scholarly materials published by said institutions is genuinely understood.

The Richardson Administration is committed to, and has repeatedly demonstrated, the highest ethical standards in all professions. As your allegations are serious, I am directing Secretary Ashman to communicate directly with you to decide if further examination of the points you make would be prudent. You should expect communication from him forthwith.

Thank you for your interest in the work of New Mexico's scientific community.

Sincerely,

James Jimenez  
Chief of Staff

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Cc: Governor Bill Richardson  
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