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Bill Richardson
Governor

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Stuart A. Ashman
Secretary

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

In response to your recent correspondence, James Jimenez, Chief of Staff for Governor Bill Richardson, directed me to re-examine your concerns.

I, once again, reread your previous correspondence and had further discussions with Dr. Hunt and Dr. Lucas. In order to ensure that I was not missing anything and to perform further due diligence I determined that it would be helpful to have the Executive Committee of the Board of Trustees review the matter. I enlisted their assistance in reviewing your concerns to offer additional objectivity in the examination.

The Executive Committee met prior to the regular Board of Trustees meeting on Friday, September 28th and reviewed all the correspondence regarding this matter.

After thorough review and discussion, the Executive Committee determined that no further action is required.

I hope that this puts the matter to rest and that you can continue with your valuable scientific work.

Sincerely,

Stuart A. Ashman
Cabinet Secretary

cc: James Jimenez, Chief of Staff
Office of the Governor

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