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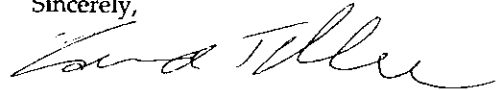
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The Honorable Bill Richardson  
Secretary of Energy  
U. S. Department of Energy  
Forrestal Building  
1000 Independence Avenue, S. W.  
Washington, D. C. 20585

Dear Secretary Richardson:

This letter is to tell you that I am glad to hear that polygraph testing may be taken less seriously in the future. From what little I know about the subject, I am convinced that the testing is a clumsy and imperfect tool to obtain better information. Together with many others, I believe that its negative effects of the feelings in the Laboratory are justified and by far outweigh the conceivable advantages that may result in the rather dubious evidence that the tests may give concerning the veracity of any statements.

Sincerely,



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Director Emeritus