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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

DATE: February 3, 1992

TO: Allan Bromley

FROM: SAM SKINNER

Thanks!

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

January 24, 1992


Dear Senator Dixon:

I am responding to your letter to Secretary Watkins concerning support for the Fermilab facility in the President's FY 1993 budget.

As you know, the Bush Administration views basic research as the wellspring of innovation that leads to long-term economic growth and improved quality of life for our citizens. Accordingly, we have worked hard to persuade the Congress to increase the fraction of domestic discretionary funding devoted to the Federal support of scientific research. Only in this way can the funds required to support major facilities such as Fermilab be assured. The President's budget for FY 1993 does provide for continued support of Fermilab, and I hope you will join us in working to assure enactment of the President's budget.

Sincerely,


Samuel Skinner
Chief of Staff to the President

The Honorable Alan J. Dixon
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
OFFICE OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY POLICY
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20506

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CHIEF OF STAFF TO THE PRESIDENT

FROM: D. ALLAN BROMLEY
DIRECTOR



SUBJECT: FEDERAL SUPPORT FOR THE ILLINOIS FERMILAB FACILITY

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

April 9, 1991

Dear Fred:

I am writing to confirm my acceptance to join you at the dedication of the new science laboratory at McMurdo, as well as the Christchurch International Center, scheduled for November 4-6, 1991.

I look forward to the occasion, and we can discuss it in greater detail as the time draws nearer.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'D. Bromley', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

D. Allan Bromley
Assistant to the President
for
Science and Technology

Dr. Frederick M. Bernthal
Deputy Director
National Science Foundation
1800 G Street, Northwest
Washington, D.C. 20550

"INVITATION FOR DR. BROMLEY"

TYPE: INVITATION

DOCUMENT NUMBER: 9120579

SPEECH: YES NO

FROM: BERNTHAL, Frederick M.: NATIONAL SCIENCE
FOUNDATION

DATE OF EVENT: 11/01/91

LOCATION OF EVENT: U.S. SCIENCE LABORATORY AT MCMURDO, ANARTICA

TIME OF EVENT:

SUBJECT: INVITATION TO DEDICATE THE NEW U.S. SCIENCE
LABORATORY AT MCMURDO.

RSVP: 03/20/91

CONTACT PERSON:

CONTACT NUMBER:

INVITATION ACCEPTED? ☒ YES ☐ NO

COPIES TO: Thomas Ratchford
Nancy Maynard

REMARKS:

DATE OF LETTER: 02/25/91

FILE: INTERNATIONAL

*Shane
notified Fred B
on 4/25/91. He
stayed in the room
at 4:00 PM
DB*

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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20550



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DIRECTOR

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February 25, 1991

OFFICE OF THE
DIRECTOR

Dr. D. Allan Bromley
Assistant to the President for
Science and Technology
Old Executive Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20506

Dear Allan:

This letter is to invite you to dedicate the new U.S. science laboratory at McMurdo. The event is planned for November 4-6, 1991. The inherent difficulties of travel to Antarctica will require that you leave Washington November 1, returning about November 10.

The dedication will highlight international cooperation and support for scientific excellence in the polar regions. The laboratory will support the most sophisticated scientific work ever done in Antarctica and the U.S. has offered to make the science laboratory available to scientists from all nations.

Concurrent with the McMurdo dedication, the new Christchurch International Antarctic Center, in which we are a partner, will be formally opened. The U.S. will participate in the dedication and in a Scientific Symposium to highlight Antarctica's scientific heritage and future.

We plan to highlight international scientific cooperation, a tradition in Antarctica encouraged by the Treaty. I welcome your recommendations about the content of the symposium, and would suggest that NSF also extend invitations to your counterparts from New Zealand, Italy, Australia, and France. Let me know your thoughts.

We hope you can join us in this important event. Enclosed are a photo of the Science Laboratory as it stands now and a brief description on the International Antarctic Center.

Sincerely,

Frederick M. Bernthal
Acting Director

Enclosures

Copy to: Nancy G. Maynard

**Science laboratory
McMurdo Station, Antarctica**

A 47,000-square-foot laboratory is being built at McMurdo Station, the largest station in Antarctica and operational hub of the United States Antarctic Program.

The laboratory consists of three sections connected by a passageway. The upper section contains biological and environmental laboratories and a center for information, communications, conferencing, and computing.

The middle section is for atmospheric and earth sciences, including glaciology.

The lower section, consisting of only a steel framework in this November 1989 photograph, will contain aquaria for marine biology studies.

The new laboratory will replace inadequate and antiquated structures built in the early 1960s. These structures are not visible in this photograph.

Other structures in this photograph:

The peaked-roof structure in the foreground is the National Science Foundation administration building (the "Chalet").

The four large brown buildings in the background are dormitories.

The tan building with a small white geodesic dome on its roof, at the lefthand side of the photograph, contains communications facilities and administrative offices.

Beyond the tan building one can view part of Winter Quarters Bay, McMurdo Station's seaport.

McMurdo Station is on the southern tip of Ross Island. It is 729 nautical miles from the geographic South Pole.

Division of Polar Programs
National Science Foundation
Washington, D.C. 20550
202-357-7817

23 January 1991

**International Antarctic Center
Christchurch, New Zealand**

The International Antarctic Center is a facility at Christchurch International Airport, on the South Island of New Zealand, that was opened in 1990 to provide operational and other services to entities that use New Zealand as a gateway to the Ross Sea region of Antarctica.

Currently, the United States Antarctic Program and the New Zealand Antarctic Research Program have long-term leases on space at the facility, which was designed and erected by the Christchurch International Airport Authority Ltd. Both programs moved to the center from older, inadequate facilities that they had occupied for many years in the Christchurch area.

Functions at the center include headquarters for the New Zealand Antarctic Research Program, an advance headquarters for the United States Antarctic Program, passenger processing for travel to and from Antarctica, polar clothing distribution areas, storage space, an antarctic library, and medical and postal facilities.

The International Antarctic Center when completed will comprise three distinct phases.

Phase 1, which has been completed, consists of two large buildings performing all of the services listed above. In the drawing, phase 1 consists of the two light blue, rectangular buildings.

Phase 2 will be an antarctic cultural and information center; the airport authority currently is completing studies and plans for phase 2. In the drawing, phase 2 is the circular building in the foreground.

Phase 3 will consist of berthing for personnel awaiting transit to Antarctica. In the drawing, phase 3 consists of the three outlined buildings to the viewer's right.

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23 January 1991

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

September 19, 1990

MEMORANDUM TO JOSEPH W. HAGIN, II

FROM: D. ALLAN BROMLEY *Alan*
SUBJECT: COLD SPRING LABORATORY

The enclosed letter from Jim Watson, the Director of the Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory, addressed to the President and dated September 10, 1990, is self-explanatory.

I write only to support the request because I believe that the neurosciences are one of the areas of modern medicine with perhaps the greatest potential for alleviation of human ills and suffering, and the President has designated the decade of the '90s as **The Decade of the Brain**. We in OSTP are coordinating all the Federal activities following up on this and I believe that, if it can be fitted into the President's schedule, the centennial celebration of the Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory could provide a very excellent forum for the President to present a major speech concerning the whole area of biomedical research and its promise for improvement in the quality of life of all our citizens.

Jim Watson, as you may know, is a somewhat controversial individual who received the Nobel prize for his role in the discovery of the fundamental role of DNA in the genetic blueprinting of all living organisms. Currently, in addition to his position at the Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory, he is acting as Assistant Secretary of HHS in charge of the joint DOE/HHS program on mapping of the human genome--the so-called Hugo Program.

Ailments involving the human brain are among the most terrifying and debilitating that remain unconquered in modern medicine, and ones that the public both fear and find fascinating. I believe that the very large audience--comprising a large fraction of the world's prominent neuroscientists--would make an excellent audience and I know that there would be extensive press coverage.

As always, I recognize that early May 1991 is still well ahead of your scheduling, but wanted to get this into your long-range thinking and will follow up on it as we get closer to the event.

Many thanks for your help.

Enclosure

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TO: Bromley

**DATE OF
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**SUBJECT: Letter to President Bush re: Dedication of Cold
Spring Harbor**

ASSIGNED TO: D. Allan Bromley

ACTION REQUIRED: direct reply

SENDER'S DUE DATE: OSTP DUE DATE: 09/25/90

DATE COMPLETED:

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DATE RECEIVED: 09/13/90

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Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory

Cold Spring Harbor, New York 11724

September 10, 1990

Dr. D. Allan Bromley
Science Advisor
White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Dr. Allan:

I am enclosing a letter that I have sent to the President. I would like to speak to you personally about this in the near future.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be "Jim", written in a cursive style.

James D. Watson
Director

Enclosures

COPY



Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory

Cold Spring Harbor, New York 11724

September 10, 1990

George H. Bush
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

I am writing to invite you to speak at the dedication of Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory's new Neuroscience Center. The dedication is presently scheduled for Friday, May 3, 1991, but could be held almost anytime from the beginning of May until the end of June at your convenience. In attendance that day will be many of the world's prominent neuroscientists as well as representatives from major foundations in the United States.

This will be the final celebration of the Laboratory's centennial and the kindling of our second century. Following your lead, we view the 90s as the *Decade of the Brain* and plan to dedicate our second century to understanding brain function. The new facility will allow us to pursue what I believe is the next and possibly greatest frontier for biology. Applying the tools of molecular biology to problems of the brain, as we have in the pursuit of the cancer solution, will provide insight into the causes of such diseases as Alzheimer's, schizophrenia and alcoholism. Further study should reveal how we perceive the world through our sense organs and how the storage of that information affects our thinking and the processes of learning and memory.

I am often in my office in Washington and would be pleased to come and discuss our dedication with you or your representative. I have enclosed a fact sheet on the Neuroscience Center for your information.

Sincerely,

James D. Watson

James D. Watson
Director

Enclosure

COLD SPRING HARBOR LABORATORY

NEUROSCIENCE CENTER

FACT SHEET

Cost: \$ 21.7 million

Size: 123,000 square feet, on 4 acres.

Facility: Nine (9) research & three (3) specialized teaching laboratories for 120 PhD's.
Library information center and conference room.
A Biotechnology Center integrating all of the campus facilities for structural analysis of DNA and proteins.
A Visitor's lodge for 60 scientists.
150-car parking garage.

Major Donors: Howard Hughes Medical Institute
Arnold and Mabel Beckman Foundation
Dolan Family Foundation of New York
Lita Annenberg Hazen Charitable Trust
Esther A. and Joseph Klingenstein Fund
James S. McDonnell Foundation
Samuel S. Freeman Charitable Trust
Kresge Foundation
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Lucille P. Markey Foundation
Pew Charitable Trust

Background: The Laboratory is known especially for its summer courses that give Ph.D. and M.D. researchers and advanced graduate students hands-on experience with techniques so new or so specialized that they are not included in most university curricula. Completion of the Neuroscience Center is key to the Laboratory's plan to institute a much-expanded research and teaching effort in basic neuroscience.