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01a. Letter	D. Allan Bromley to Professor Alperin RE: NSF Director suggestion (1 pp.)	3/8/90	(b)(6)	

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

March 8, 1990

Dear Professor Alperin:

(b)(6)

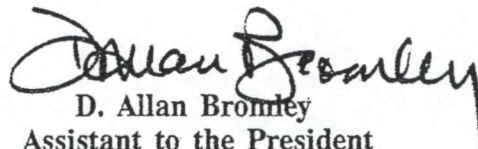
Many thanks for your letter of February 14 in which you nominate [REDACTED]
as Director of the National Science Foundation.

Having known [REDACTED] for many years, I agree that he is indeed an excellent
candidate, and I shall be happy to submit [REDACTED]'s name to the appropriate
people on your behalf.

Thank you for conveying to me your nomination of [REDACTED].

With all best wishes,

Sincerely yours,



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

Professor Jonathan L. Alperin
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01b. Letter	Jonathan L. Alperin to D. Allan Bromley RE: NSF Director suggestion (1 pp.)	2/14/90	(b)(6)	

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THE UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO
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February 14, 1990

Dr. D. Allan Bromley, Director
Office of Science and Technology
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20506

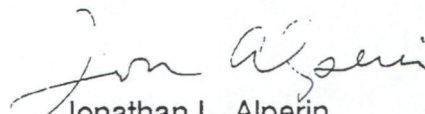
Dear Dr. Bromley:

I am writing to nominate [REDACTED] to be the new Director of the National Science Foundation.

(b)(6) Basic science is in a critical state in this country: the support of individual investigators is dropping in almost all areas of science; there is every reason to think that we are in the process of finding a new equilibrium for the number of first rate researchers at about half the level we once had; peer review is under continuous attack. The choice of the new director can be a very important decision. It is certainly needed to have a dynamic head of the N.S. F. not a caretaker or a reactive administrator.

[REDACTED]'s work on [REDACTED] on the state of mathematics was a great contribution and shows his breadth, fairness and perceptiveness. His long and distinguished career make him a very strong candidate in my opinion. If only we can get him or someone that good!

Yours sincerely,


Jonathan L. Alperin
Professor of Mathematics

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01c. Correspondence tracking sheet	Jonathan L. Alperin to Bromley, Director RE: NSF Director suggestion (10 pp.)	2/23/90	(b)(6)	

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"CORRESPONDENCE TRACKING"

TYPE: Action Item

DOCUMENT NUMBER: 9020738

FROM: Jonathan I. Alperin, University of Chicago

TO: Bromley, Director

DATE OF
CORRESPONDENCE: 02/14/90

SUBJECT: Nominating [REDACTED] to be the new Director (b)(6)
of the Nation Science Foundation.

ASSIGNED TO: D. Allan Bromley

ACTION REQUIRED: As appropriate

SENDER'S DUE DATE:

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03/16/90

DATE COMPLETED: -----

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CONTACT PERSON:

REMARKS:

DATE RECEIVED: 02/23/90

FILE: NEOB

*Please send a copy
to Dr. Mary Good
and acknowledge
Alperin's letter*

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

February 15, 1990

Dear Steve:

Thank you for your letter of January 25. I appreciate the obvious thought that you have given to the importance of the need for a considered selection process for the directorship of the National Science Foundation.

As we begin this deliberative process, I will keep your comments in mind. Thank you for taking the time to write.

With all best wishes.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "D. Allan Bromley", written in a cursive style.

D. Allan Bromley
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for
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January 25, 1990

Dr. D. Allan Bromley, Director
Office of Science and Technology Policy
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C.
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Dear Allan,

This is a letter of concern regarding the appointment of the next Director of the National Science Foundation. I am not going to suggest any names, at least not now, but I am going to urge you to keep certain criteria in mind during the search for a new director.

Basic science in the United States is in its worst state since I began my career as a scientist. This is not because of absolute magnitudes of funds or jobs, but because of the frightening downward slope in every aspect of the enterprise. Outlooks for research funding and career opportunities have turned bleak in industry, government and academia. The new Director of the National Science Foundation will need a breadth of understanding and experience to address the illness of the scientific enterprise equally in all its aspects, not only at the level of preparation, that is, of precollegiate and university education, but also at the level of production of research itself, of the substance and transmittal of the science and of the career opportunities in all sectors. A problem that I now find deeply disturbing is the imbalance between the lively,

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as challenging as this. I admire a young man willing to try something that is not a sure thing, when the goal is important enough to merit such a risk.

Regarding comparisons with others; I think you have named a group of extremely able young scientists. I would probably rank [REDACTED] second or third in that group in overall promise, although it is difficult to say how much the careers of these people have been affected so far by the conditions under which they started. At least one person on the list was off to a very fast start because of the environment his university provided; as I understand it, [REDACTED] was slowed down in getting his laboratory up and going because of physical circumstances that were far outside his control. I would not wish to see him penalized in any way for such a thing. Certainly [REDACTED] has plenty of momentum now, and has done first-class work since being at Northwestern. I consider him a fine scholar, perhaps the best on that list, as well as a very creative investigator of new science. (b)(6)

All in all, I have extremely high regard for [REDACTED] and recommend very strongly that Northwestern promote him and grant him tenure. I confess to a vested interest in having him remain in the Chicago area because I personally want to be able to confer with him and, in the future, perhaps collaborate. I find him very congenial and would enjoy working on scientific problems together with him.

I hope these remarks are helpful in your deliberations.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "R. Stephen Berry".

R. Stephen Berry

"CORRESPONDENCE TRACKING"

TYPE: Action Item

DOCUMENT NUMBER: 9020355

FROM: R. STEPHAN BERRY
UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO

TO: BROMLEY

DATE OF
CORRESPONDENCE: 01/25/90

SUBJECT: ENCLOSING SUGGESTIONS FOR THE REPLACEMENT OF ERICH
BLOCH AT THE NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION.

ASSIGNED TO: D. Allan Bromley

Acknowledge

ACTION REQUIRED: APPROPRIATE RESPONSE

SENDER'S DUE DATE:

OSTP DUE DATE: 02/20/90

DATE COMPLETED: -----

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