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TO: DR. D.A. BROMLEY

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August 13, 1991

OFFICE OF THE
Dr. D. Allan Bromley DIRECTOR
Science Advisor to the President
c/o the White House
Washington, D.C.

My Dear Bromley:

I had sent you a congratulatory note upon your appointment as Science Advisor to the President, along with a request that you add me to a mailing list for any public utterances you might issue. You responded to neither.

However, your recent piece in the Washington Post, on Space Station Freedom (doesn't that have a fine patriotic ring?) was re-printed in the Ann Arbor News, and it pretty well tells me whose trough you feed from.

Whatever became of that hundred pounds of moon rock that were brought down at great public expense? Who has been punished for the Hubbel telescope fiasco? What have we to show for upwards of \$20 billions spent on SDI? Where, and under what safeguards, are we to store the plutonium from those thousands of warheads being dismantled? When is anyone going to advise, publicly, that there is NO WAY to dispose of Pu, other than by detonation? Has anyone in favor of A-bomb-pumped killer rays been committed to asylum?

And still you advocates of BIG SCIENCE keep coming.

This letter is not really to you, unless you wish to regard it so. By copy to my senators, it is to advise them of my outrage at the continuing wastage of public treasure.

Japan is a nation of half our population. They have about the same number of scientists and engineers as we, and half of ours are bought off into defense and big science. They have, therefore, four times our effort improving the quality and reducing the cost of things really useful to those of us whose feet are on earth.

How long, Bromley, how long?

Sincerely,



Donald F. Uecker

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

October 21, 1991

Dear Mr. Uecker:

I apologize for the fact that this response to your letter of August 13 to Dr. Bromley is so tardy.

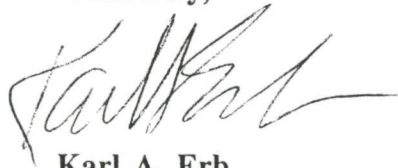
However, the issue that you addressed--the need for balance between large science projects and other research activities--remains as timely and important today as it was when you wrote.

We recognize that large instruments are essential for progress in some areas of science, but we maintain that the international research community, and not just the United States, should share the costs and the rewards of such projects. The Space Station is one example of strong international participation and cost-sharing. We hope that the Superconducting Super Collider will be another and are working to achieve that goal.

I can assure you that we remain sensitive to the requirement that our national R&D enterprise strike a careful balance among all the important components of our effort.

Again, I apologize for the delay in our response, and wish to thank you for your comments on these issues of national importance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Karl A. Erb', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Karl A. Erb
Acting Associate Director
for Physical Sciences and Engineering

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