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The Secretary of Energy

Washington, DC 20585

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The Honorable Norman D. Dicks
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Congressman Dicks:

The Vice President has asked that I respond to your letter concerning the Environmental and Molecular Sciences Laboratory. The Administration agrees with you in your assessment of the potential of the Environmental and Molecular Sciences Laboratory in Richland, Washington, and believe it will become the showcase laboratory you envision.

The Department of Energy, with concurrence from the Office of Management and Budget, has submitted its fiscal year 1994 budget request to Congress with the Environmental and Molecular Sciences Laboratory project transferred to and funded by the Office of Energy Research from nondefense funds as directed in the Fiscal Year 1993 Defense Authorization Conference Report.

In fiscal year 1992, various congressional committees requested that the Department prepare a detailed report on the location, mission, and purpose of the Environmental and Molecular Sciences Laboratory. The committees requested that this report be completed prior to starting construction. This resulted in delays of the planned start dates. The report was presented to the committee staffs and subsequent authorization to commence construction was granted. These delays contributed to uncosted balances associated with this project. As a result of these balances, it was determined that the previously anticipated funding level of \$52.5 million was not needed at this time. The Department has, therefore, requested \$33.0 million in fiscal year 1994 for this project. The funds previously appropriated to the Environmental Restoration and Waste Management account for the Environmental and Molecular Sciences Laboratory will be made available to the Office of Energy Research to continue this project.

The Department appreciates your concern and your continued support for this very important project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Hazel R. O'Leary". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Hazel" and last name "O'Leary" clearly distinguishable.

Hazel R. O'Leary

cc: The Honorable Al Gore, Jr.
Vice President of the United States