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President Michael F. Adams
The President's Office
The Administration Building
University of Georgia
Athens, GA 30602

Dear President Adams,

Pursuant to Rules X and XI of the United States House of Representatives, the Committee on Science and Technology is delegated "the function of reviewing and studying, on a continuing basis, all laws, programs, and Government activities dealing with or involving nonmilitary research and development." Additionally, Committee Rule 3(a)(5) authorizes the Subcommittee on Investigations and Oversight to carry out "general and special investigative and oversight authority on all matters within the jurisdiction of the Committee on Science and Technology."

The Subcommittees on Investigations and Oversight and Energy and Environment are engaged in oversight of the University of Georgia's and the Department of Energy's (DOE) decision-making and conduct regarding the Savannah River Ecology Lab (SREL) and anticipates that a hearing will be held on this matter on June 26, 2007. It is our understanding that officials of the University have been in conversations and have held meetings with Energy Department officials in recent weeks to discuss the future of the laboratory. By this letter, we are requesting the following information and records and other cooperation.

1. Please provide to the Committee a list of all meetings and phone conversations between DOE and University officials that have taken place since April 15, 2007. Please provide this list to the Subcommittees by close of business on Wednesday, June 20, 2007.
2. Please provide to the Committee:
 - A. All records (as defined in the attached Appendix) related to the May 29, 2007, meeting between University officials and DOE representatives;
 - B. All records related to any meetings or any other communications that occurred subsequent to May 29, 2007, between University officials and DOE representatives;

C. All records related to the June 1, 2007, phone conversation between yourself and Energy Secretary Samuel Bodman;

D. All records related to the reassignment and/or future employment of SREL staff if the laboratory is closed.

Please provide all of these materials to the Subcommittees at Rayburn House Office Building, Room B-374, by close of business on Friday, June 15. We also ask that you, the Provost and the Vice President for Research make arrangements to meet with Committee staff during the week of June 11 to discuss the future of the laboratory. While we know this is short notice, we are also aware that the University has been accommodating similar requests for meetings from the Department.

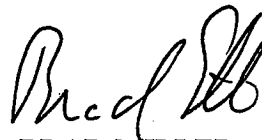
Finally, as stated above, the Subcommittees intend to hold a hearing on the situation at the Savannah River Ecology Lab and wish to inform you that we will be asking you to testify at that hearing.

Please contact Dr. Jean Fruci, Energy and Environment Subcommittee staff director, or Dr. Dan Pearson, Investigations and Oversight Subcommittee staff director, at 202-225-6375 to arrange for delivery of these materials and to schedule the requested meeting. Your cooperation in this matter is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,



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