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Dear Regent Preuss, Montoya, Davies, Marcus, Pattiz, Blum, Terrazas, *Ex officio* Regent Davis, Moores, Atkinson, Advisory member Regent-designate Bodine, and Faculty Representative Binion:

The Coalition to Demilitarize the University of California is concerned by the cancellation of your quarterly meeting after the President indicated that a war on Iraq was likely to begin within days. The Demilitarize UC Coalition is a broad based movement led by students and includes community groups, faculty, UC employees, scientists and alumni. We have specific concerns about the University of California's role in enabling war and collaborating on weapons of mass destruction.

Since the University of California manages the National Labs, a U.C. employee designed every nuclear weapon in the U.S. arsenal. The Bush Administration's aggressive nuclear posture places nuclear weapons on the shelf with conventional weapons for use in battlefield scenarios, not as a last resort, which has been U.S. policy for over 50 years. Furthermore, U.S. nuclear policy includes the preemptive use of nuclear weapons, and explicitly names countries we have contingency plans to use them on.

Both Livermore and Los Alamos Laboratories received funding to develop a new nuclear weapon, the Robust Nuclear Earth Penetrator. Both Labs are conducting research to design low and variable yield nuclear weapons, designed to be used. At the same time, U.S. military planners are reported to be actively studying targets to potentially use nuclear weapons in a war on Iraq.

If the U.S. launches a nuclear attack on Iraq, or any other country we will hold the University of California Regents accountable, because of their management role.

Given the grave danger facing the world if the United States, again uses nuclear weapons, we call on you, the UC Regents as managers of the nations nuclear weapons laboratories to immediately act to the fullest extent possible to begin the process for immediate disarmament of the National Labs, as required by Article VI of the nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty.

The issue of disarming the National Laboratories has been long neglected. For example, the current critique of the University of California's management of the National Laboratories is in

response to allegations of fraud, mismanagement and whistleblower retaliations. These problems, as severe as they may be, are only the tip of the iceberg of issues that need to be addressed if the University of California is to continue management of the National Laboratories: Lawrence Livermore and Los Alamos.


We request that the Committee on Oversight of Department of Energy Laboratories management respond in writing to each of the six demands in the unity statement. Please detail the Committee's position on each item, plans to implement any of the points, and the process the Committee will use to work with stakeholders. We ask that this written response be delivered no later than April 21, 2003, to the above address.

Further, we request that you, the Regents, as a way to promote dialogue, democracy and good faith negotiations, designate time on the May 14-15 2003 agenda, for coalition members to make recommendations as to how the UC nuclear free unity statement can be implemented by you.

In addition, we also request that the Regents add a second agenda point to the May 2003 meeting to allow "watchdog" groups to provide an alternative annual report on the National Labs. This will provide important information on clean-up issues, community concerns, cost overruns, security issues, workers compensation and other important areas that Regents, as managers, must consider. We request this alternative annual report be implemented in perpetuity.

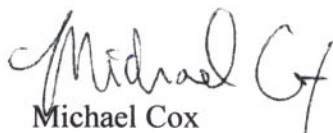
As the Regents of the University of California, we hope you will view our request as an opportunity to improve openness, accountability and serve the public good through democratic means. We want to be able to honor the integrity and wisdom of the leaders of this great institution for higher learning. We look forward to your timely response in writing to our request. You may send your response to the addresses listed above.

Sincerely,



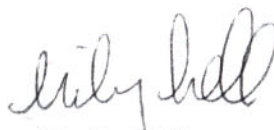
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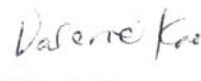
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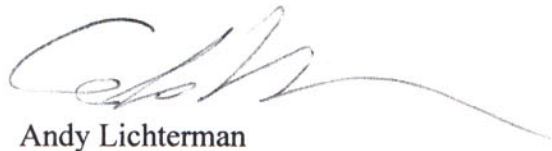
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