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Attorney General Michael B. Mukasey
U. S. Department of Justice
950 Pennsylvania Ave., NW
Washington, D.C. 20530-0001

Dear Attorney General Mukasey:

I am writing to follow-up the formal charges and background documents transmitted to acting Attorney General Peter D. Keisler on September 24, 2007.

I enclose two letters (January 31 and March 8, 2008) to AAAS officials related to the case. Events have moved quickly. To prevent further damage, it has become necessary to circulate the filing and strong prima facie case ("Breach of Contract, Conspiracy, Fraud, and Coverups Affecting NSF Programs") widely to several hundred leading scientists at institutions around the country who have been serving on the Governing Councils of the American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS) and member organizations of the Consortium of Social Science Associations (COSSA). De facto, copies of the filing with the Department of Justice and the enclosed letters also are circulating on the Internet.

Prosecution of this case is a compelling public interest. Science is one of our most important institutions and it depends upon trust. This begins in the emphasis upon care, diligence, and integrity that is part of the training of every scientist. It extends to the conduct of even the smallest journals, where individual manuscripts are evaluated anonymously and in writing by at least two independent judges. It extends to the entire system of government scientific research, where individual scientists spend countless hours (without compensation) reviewing and commenting upon grant applications in a peer review system - and with the expectation that their ideas and research proposals will, in turn, receive the same integrity and care. The importance of trust extends to the

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National Academy of Sciences, which many scientists honor as (and expect to behave as) the Supreme Court of science.

At this point, our nation's scientists are just becoming aware:

1.) That federal funds were illegitimately used for a national long-term plan developed, endorsed, and transmitted by the National Academy of Sciences for a neutered restructuring of the social sciences and the civic role of universities, along with detailed budgets and new beneficiaries and competitive advantages;

2.) That there was an off-the-record meeting of many of our most distinguished scientists, organized by David Hamburg (former President of AAAS) and Joshua Lederberg to challenge these political accommodations to zealotry, the dishonest way the national restructuring was developed by self-interested insiders and falsely represented as a scientific consensus, and to counsel that "the first obligation of scientists is the integrity of science itself;"

3.) That the senior officials at the National Academy of Sciences (itself, a government-chartered institution) responded by misusing their unique position to enforce a Mafia-like code of silence against public discussions and notifications of federal agencies who received the Report. (For example: Donald Kennedy, the retiring Editor-in-Chief of Science, has now acknowledged that he personally rejected, on several occasions over the years, appeals for news reporting and editorial discussions.)

I do not believe that the National Academy of Sciences can survive in its present form. But essential public discussions for reform of the government system are blocked without full disclosure of the facts and extent of wrongdoing.

Until this occurs, the government's agenda-setting system is paralyzed in the areas of science that have been derailed. The National Science Board has washed its hands and ordered the development of a new system. However I do not believe that the new system will work, as it will operate on top of an uncorrected breakdown of integrity. It also will be supervised by government officials who were supposed to supervise the integrity of the old system.

It has become urgent for these breakdowns to be corrected by public action that repairs and upholds the integrity and honor of the federal government and its relationship to our nation's universities and scientists. (For example, while I cannot demonstrate this paralysis of agenda-setting mechanisms to you in a brief letter, I invite you to scan the two tabs in my filing concerning the erosion

of economic models and data systems, and then to read current headlines.)

I enclose a reference copy of my earlier filing.

I urge you to act on this matter quickly.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Lloyd S. Etheredge". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the typed name.

(Dr.) Lloyd S. Etheredge, Director
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