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Professor Lloyd S. Etheredge  
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Dear Professor Etheredge:

Rarely have I seen a proposal better designed than yours to be rejected. It is so obviously politically motivated that, despite the fact it raises questions that need analysis and research, there is no way that an organization whose role is to be an apolitical advisor to government could possibly pursue it.

Given that is my view, I probably don't need to add that I don't intend to press Frank Press on the matter.

It really is too bad that you approached it as you did since a careful study along these lines could be useful. But I very much doubt that a cleaned up version would be acceptable in the near term even if it came from another source and were backed by a number of Academy members.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "R. D. Luce", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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