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Dear Bill,

It was a pleasure to speak with you earlier this week and I look forward to meeting you in person. Thank you very much for setting up my visit to your offices on January 21, 1993. In order to make the most of our time together and to give your people an idea of what I'm after, I thought I would take this opportunity to introduce myself and give you an idea of the purpose of my visit.

I just joined the University of California, Office of the President, as the Director of Environment, Safety and Health for Laboratory Administration. I am part of a new management team at the University that has been established to manage the recently signed contracts with the U.S. Department of Energy for research and development at Lawrence Berkeley Laboratory, Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory, and Los Alamos National Laboratory.

Although we are only beginning to understand the full ramifications of the new contracts and the new roles and responsibilities of the various players including DOE, the Laboratories and the University, it is clear that I will have to understand the regulatory climate within which the Laboratories are operating in order to do an effective job. Thus, the purpose of my visit to your office is to gain an appreciation for the regulatory climate surrounding LANL from your perspective. I will be asking the following types of questions:

- What are the current issues that you are working on with LANL?
- Is LANL making adequate progress toward milestones for dealing with these issues?
- What are future issues that we should be paying attention to?



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- How would you characterize your current working relationship with LANL and where do you see opportunities for improvement?
- What is LANL doing well in terms of responding to your needs?
- What areas do you see where improvement is needed?
- What suggestions would you have for improving our responsiveness and our operations?

I understand that I will be meeting with representatives from each division in a sequential manner so I anticipate covering these questions with each group. I look forward to the visit and thanks again. If you need to get in touch with me for any reason, my phone number is 510-987-0801.

Sincerely,



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Director, Environment,  
Safety and Health