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The Honorable John S. Herrington
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Dear Mr. Secretary:

We are writing to encourage your support for the construction of the Superconducting Super Collider (SSC) project, and to request that sufficient funds be made available in the Department's High Energy Physics budget for the critical year of FY 1987. The FY 1986 budget proposal for continued research and development of the SSC, which is working its way through the Congress, is \$20 million. It is our united view that the time has come to take a giant step toward the next frontier of high energy physics research. The discoveries certain to be unveiled by the SSC will lead to an understanding of matter and new technological developments never before anticipated. It will further ensure that the United States continues to be the world leader in advanced scientific research.

The Department of Energy has been informed that the high energy physics community and many other scientific disciplines are unanimous in their agreement that a new generation particle accelerator is needed to advance our understanding of the basic constituents of matter. By failing to take advantage of this opportunity, the United States will fall behind the Europeans in high energy physics research. We need to commit to building the SSC now in order to retain our bright scientists and lure the best creative minds from all over the world. If we neglect this endeavor we will allow our technological and industrial preeminence to slip away. We are confident, based on the Fermilab experience in Illinois, that building the SSC will return considerable societal benefits to the country, not the least of which is a reinvigoration of scientific effort attracting quality students and ensuring a bright future for American science.

It is essential that sufficient funds are made available in the President's budget for this project over the next few years. We view FY 1987 funding as especially important to the timely development of the SSC and strongly urge your Department to allocate sufficient funding for this project in your long-range planning

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efforts. We believe that an initiative of this importance must be maintained at appropriate funding levels or we may risk abandonment or unnecessary cost increases. A schedule calling for construction early in FY 1988 of the SSC is immensely important to the future of the project and our country.

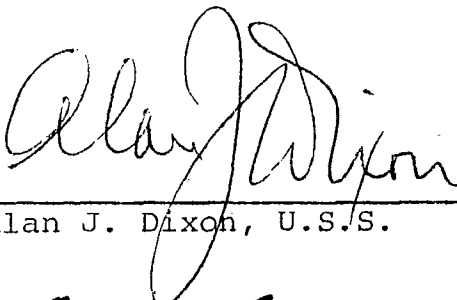
We are aware that the Central Design Group (which is charged with setting forth the technical specifications for the SSC) has submitted to the Department a draft site criteria document. We strongly encourage you to expedite publication of this document as a Request for Proposals so that interested states and other entities can prepare quality responses.

We want to be perfectly clear with you that Illinois is interested in being selected as the host site for the SSC. We believe that Illinois is the best location for building and operating a project of this magnitude. The success of Fermilab's Tevatron is an excellent example of the State's ability to work with the Department to meet and exceed scientific challenges. In fact, the State of Illinois, has already implemented an aggressive plan to lay a firm and comprehensive foundation from which to compete for and successfully conduct a scientific undertaking of this scale. We further believe that Fermilab in Batavia, Illinois, is the most advantageous location for construction of the SSC. Ample supplies of electricity to power the SSC are available there, as well as facilities to manufacture liquid helium used to super-cool the magnets. It is also well located with excellent schools, adequate transportation systems, diverse cultural activities and attractive housing.

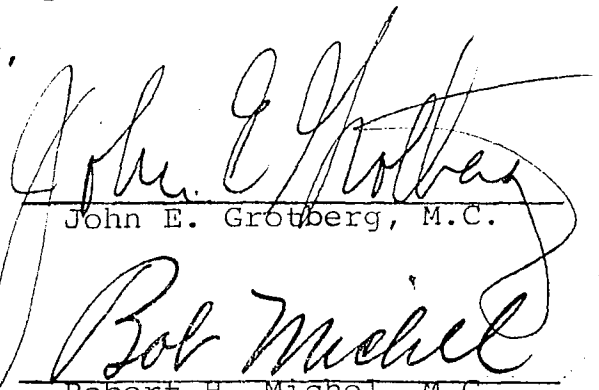
While Illinois is very interested in housing the SSC within our borders, we recognize that a project this size necessitates that the Department conduct a competitive selection process. We welcome this approach and are confident that the proposal evaluators will find Illinois the most qualified candidate.

Your personal participation in this project will ensure that construction is begun as soon as possible. We wish you well in your new assignment and appreciate your attention to this issue.

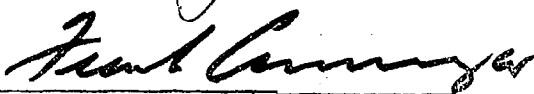
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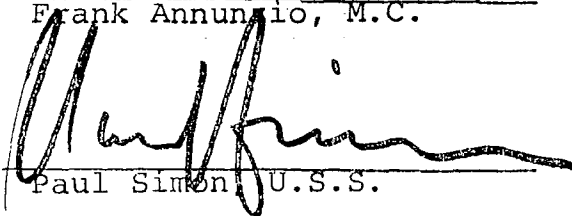
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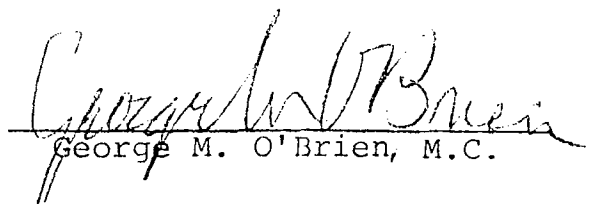
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