

National Aeronautics and
Space Administration
Office of the Administrator
Washington, DC 20546-0001



October 27, 2006

Dr. Arden L. Bement, Jr.
Director
National Space Foundation
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Arlington, VA 22230

Dear Dr. Bement:

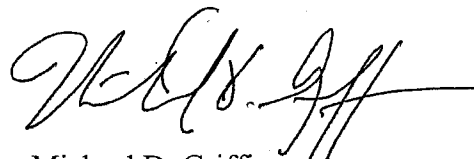
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Dr. Elias A. Zerhouni
Director
National Institutes of Health
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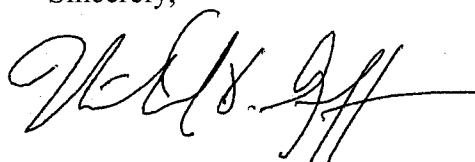
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The Honorable Samuel W. Bodman
Secretary of Energy
1000 Independence Avenue, SW
Washington, DC 20585

Dear Mr. Secretary:

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The Honorable Carlos M. Gutierrez
Secretary of Commerce
1401 Constitution Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20230

Dear Mr. Secretary:

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December 6, 2006

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
AND HUMAN SERVICES
Public Health Service
Bethesda, MD 20892-2350

The Honorable Michael D. Griffin
Administrator
National Aeronautics and Space Administration
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Dear Dr. Griffin:

Dr. Elias A. Zerhouni, Director of the National Institutes of Health (NIH), asked that I respond to your recent correspondence about the International Space Station (ISS) National Laboratory Applications Development Initiative in my capacity as the NIH liaison to NASA.

As you well know, the NIH and NASA have a strong history of collaborative activities in areas of shared scientific interest. As part of these on-going partnership efforts, Dr. David Longnecker and I have organized a meeting to bring together senior scientists from the two agencies to explore possibilities for potential future projects. Among other topics, we will hear about research opportunities for the ISS from your colleague, Mr. Mark Uhran. We have invited representatives from several other agencies to join us for this meeting, to ensure that we are aware of the scientific interests and research resources of their organizations. In addition, several members of your Advisory Council will take part in the discussion.

Although I will not be able to attend the January symposium on the ISS due to scheduling conflicts, I very much look forward to hearing about the deliberations. In addition, I am confident that Mr. Uhran's presentation at our upcoming meeting will provide us with an excellent perspective on the unique research resources that the ISS offers for considering space-related health research priorities, among other areas.

We look forward to working with you and your staff on this important initiative.

Sincerely yours,

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