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Mr. John Chancellor NBC News 30 Rockefeller Plaza New York, N.Y. 10020

Dear Mr. Chancellor:

Your interviews are superb on special topics with the presidential candidates. Is there any possibility to get in, in the next two weeks, the candidates attitudes toward research and development, on federal agencies that administer research, such as the NIH, and their approaches to the university community on research. I am a bit surprised that the absolute panic in the University of California system during the Reagan administration has not been raised as a campaign issue now. We need to distinguish with him between simple anti-intellectualism and his policy on university and government research and development activities.

Cordially,

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