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Dear Colleagues:

It is with deep regret that we write to inform you of the resignation of Dr. Sushma Palmer as Director of the Food and Nutrition Board.

Sushma's husband, the Honorable Mark Palmer, U.S. Ambassador to Hungary, has been asked by President Bush to extend his appointment for at least another year, and Sushma wishes to join Mark in Budapest. While we will miss her energy and leadership as director of the FNB, we will continue to have access to her skills by having her serve as a consultant to the FNB, particularly to see through to completion the project, "Guidelines on Diet and Health: Implications and Strategies for Implementation", and the book for the public on Diet and Health.

We wish Sushma the best of luck in Budapest. We will initiate a national search for her successor, and would welcome your input.

Sincerely,

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Dick: Budapest is critical in the next period! But why didn't she take a leave of absence and let you fill the job temporarily?
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Dear Sushma:

Having heard about Mark's reappointment and knowing about the critical political position of Budapest in the next period, I understand fully your decision and am delighted that you are able to make it. You will be a powerful couple in a central role. It's an exciting time! Congratulations.

Of course it will be impossible to replace you at NRC. Why did you not simply take a leave of absence and have the Academy appoint an interim director? I imagine you could find quite a few old coots around the establishment (or even some not in the establishment) who could do a good job for a period of a few years.

At any rate, best wishes.

Cordially,

Henry Blackburn, MD
Professor and Director

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