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MEMORANDUM VIA FACSIMILE

TO: FHCRC Board of Trustees
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FROM: Lee Hartwell
President and Director

DATE: February 11, 1998

SUBJECT: Washington State Medal of Merit Award to Dr. E. Donnall Thomas

Dr. E. Donnall Thomas will be given the Washington State Medal of Merit at a ceremony on Wednesday, February 18, in Olympia. You are invited to attend the ceremony which will begin at 10:00am at the joint session in the House Chamber with a reception to follow at 10:45am.

The Washington State Medal of Merit is awarded "for exceptionally meritorious conduct in performing outstanding services to the people and state of Washington." The medal is the highest award bestowed by the Governor and the people of the State of Washington. The 1998 ceremony represents the sixth Medal of Merit ceremony in eleven years. Dr. Thomas is among a very distinguished group of previous award recipients which includes Warren G. Magnusen, Dr. William Hutchinson, Frances Penrose Owen and Dr. Kathleen A. Ross.

As a colleague of Dr. Thomas, it would be wonderful to have you attend. Dr. Thomas was allowed to invite twenty guests to the ceremony, so we currently have fifteen seats available. Please RSVP to Sheri Greaves at as soon as possible.

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E. R. ZUMWALT, JR.
ADMIRAL, U.S. NAVY (RET.)

February 25, 1998

Dr. E. Donnal Thomas
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Dear Don:

Heartiest congratulations on your award of the Washington State Medal of Merit.

Your achievements are renowned, and I am delighted that the State of Washington has seen fit to recognize you in this extraordinary way.

Sincerely,

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