



Hughes Institute

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Admiral Zumwalt
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Dear Admiral:

We are initiating a comprehensive effort to establish a Minnesota Program against chemical and biological threats. Our first meeting was held on June 8, 1999 and included participants from the National Guard, Department of Health, and Hennepin County Medical Center. We are also having discussions with the Veterans Administration Medical Center and the University of Minnesota Supercomputing Institute. All participants of the meeting were extremely excited and willing to commit themselves to the development of a strong program as a national resource.

I believe it's prudent that I have a weekly phone conference with you as we finalize planning of the Minnesota Program.

Sincerely yours



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