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Admiral Elmo R. Zumwalt, Jr.
1000 Wilson Boulevard, Suite 3105
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Dear Admiral Zumwalt:

Texas Tech University is prepared to commit one million dollars in start-up funding to facilitate our involvement in a "Program of Countermeasures to Chemical/Biological Terrorism." As you know, we have proposed a "Trans-Texas Initiative," involving multiple state and federal agencies as well as higher education institutions across Texas. Of course, our commitment is contingent upon receiving federal and state support for this overall initiative which would be coordinated through The Institute of Environmental and Human Health at Texas Tech and located at the Reese Center in Lubbock, Texas.

Our research/training mission related to Chemical and Biological Agent countermeasures will include: 1) detection capabilities; 2) biological mechanisms; 3) physical and medical countermeasures; 4) modeling; and 5) education, training and outreach. We are already implementing facilities and have assembled a task force of over sixty (60) interdisciplinary faculty to address countermeasures to chemical and biological emergencies.

Our commitment of start-up funds related to this comprehensive effort will ensure our readiness to participate in research activities and the development of planning programs for responders to biological and chemical terrorist activities. This should serve as a serious indication of our commitment to make a national contribution in this crucial area of national security.

Again, we appreciate your efforts and support as a member of the President's Special Oversight Board for the Department of Defense Investigations of Gulf War Chemical and Biological Incidents as well as your advice on our efforts as a member of the President's Foreign Intelligence Advisory Committee. We appreciate your support and please accept our total commitment to the implementation of this project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John T. Montford".

John T. Montford
Chancellor