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Seymour H. Weiss, Director
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Dear Dr. Weiss:

I want to thank you and Dr. Adams for your kindness and quick response to my questions regarding temporary changes I am making at the University of Missouri Nuclear Reactor. Essentially, as I describe to you, I am eager to let our Director, Dr. James Rhyne, devote more energy and attention to our research mission. Recent internal and external reviews have strongly encouraged me to take advantage of the wonderful research opportunities that having our nuclear reactor provide.

To enable Dr. Rhyne to focus his full attention on research for at least four months, I am asking Dr. Henry White, Chair of our Research Reactor Advisory Committee, to become the chief operating officer at MURR. Dr. White's role is temporary but it will serve two important purposes for us. First, it will enable Dr. Rhyne to devote the energy to our research mission that he and the faculty desire. Second, it will permit Dr. White to become more familiar with the day-to-day activities in a complex nuclear reactor center and to be better able to inform our advisory committee about nuances that can only be learned through direct experience.

I will send you another letter when I end this brief experiment.

Sincerely,

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