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Dr. Richard B. Stoughton
 Director of Dermatology
 Western Reserve University
 Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Doctor Stoughton:

For whatever the advance information is worth, I would like for you to know that the possibility exists that we will not be able to renew our contract with you when the current contract expires. We have suffered a number of harsh financial blows, and, to say the least, we are in a precarious position--on our internal operations as well as our contract efforts.

Please note that I use the word possibility. I cannot yet put a probability factor on the event. And I prefer not to do so even if one had been calculated. From my own personal viewpoint I intend to see that your contract is renewed, but I think it fair to remind that this is the personal word of an officer, not an official tender of a contracting agent of the United States Government.

Sincerely,

DOUGLAS LINDSEY
 Lt Colonel, MC
 Deputy Director of Medical Research

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