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Washington, DC 20331

Dear General Ferguson

I make reference to our previous conversations concerning the future of the Arctic Aeromedical Laboratory. As a result of my recent visit to this laboratory and in view of considerations to consolidate our AMD facilities, I recommend to you that we eliminate the laboratory.

Although the requirement to perform work relative to man operating in a cold environment may occur some time in the future, I cannot justify its existence with the present austere manning and funding of research and development. I feel that requirements for cold weather tests that may arise in the future can be accomplished on a task force basis following appropriate arrangements with Eielson Air Force Base. Colonel Boyard (SCLR) has advised me that there is some committee considering a trip to the laboratory to investigate the possibility of closing. I believe this to be unnecessary and thought that we should take the initiative and necessary action to phase it out.

We are continuing to develop a plan for the consolidation of AMD facilities and will have it for your consideration in the near future. This plan will include our best judgments for the accomplishment of our mission.

Sincerely

SIGNED

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