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Dear Dr. Quinlisk:

Thank you for your letter of September 22, 2010, discussing your ideas regarding the Future of the National Biodefense Science Board (NBSB).

Please extend my appreciation to the NBSB and to the members of the Future of the NBSB Working Group for their ample analysis of the Board's Working Groups and Subcommittee and for providing the results of their considerations for future activities of the Board. The short and long term priority areas listed are on target with future possible tasks for the Board.

Thank you for your ideas on the nomination process. Your recommendations will be considered as the selection committee reviews the NBSB nominees.

I look forward to meeting with you in the New Year and engaging on new topics for the NBSB.

Sincerely,

/s/

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