

April 13, 1999

Dear [REDACTED]

I appreciate your letter of March 9, 1999 appealing to me to arbitrate a problem between the MURR management and you. I have taken the time to gather additional information on this matter in order to gain as clear an understanding as possible of the issues. In doing so, I reviewed your request carefully with [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] was brought into his current leadership role with the charge to develop appropriate policies and charges to users of the Reactor in a manner which would ensure the fiscal solvency of MURR. The issues you raise appear to fall within the domain of MURR management. I fully support the current management policy at the reactor and find them to be reasonable and essential to maintain the solvency of the MU reactor center. I would emphasize the following points in response to your request:

- We have decided not to pursue arrangements with other agencies, universities, or countries to build equipment for entities that do not align with the current mission priorities of MURR. We cannot waive reactor access charges. Research groups such as yours must be prepared to pay such costs of using the reactor. I do not believe it is reasonable to ask the taxpayers of Missouri to absorb the expenses of training foreign nationals in these areas.
- My understanding is that you have been requested to provide additional information to [REDACTED] and MURR management on cost match details associated with your grant.
- I am concerned about your advocating a relationship between your private company and Brazil at a time when you are working for MURR. The relationship between MURR and your private company appears to represent a potential conflict of interest. While I am not in a position to fully judge this matter, I am sure that [REDACTED] is competently undertaking the management of MURR regarding such issues.

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It is your responsibility to ensure that no conflict of interest issues exist. If you have had difficulty communicating this to [ ] I would be interested in more details on this matter.

I wish I could be more helpful in responding directly to your request. I do not believe it is appropriate for me to interject myself in what is clearly an issue of appropriate management of MURR. We have vested this management responsibility in [ ] Deutsch and I am fully supportive of the role he is playing in that regard.

Sincerely,

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