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Mr. James Kroll
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Dear Mr. Kroll,

I am writing to inform you of the outcome of the investigation into the charge of research misconduct alleged against Professor Michael E. Mann in the February 3, 2010 Inquiry Report. This investigation was carried out under the procedures specified in Penn State Policy RA-10. I have received a final report from the RA-10 Investigatory Committee. The report is attached to this document for your review.

The RA-10 Investigatory Committee found that Professor Mann did not commit research misconduct. Pursuant to policy RA-10 and in consultation with Dr. Alan Scaroni, Associate Dean for Graduate Education and Research of the College of Engineering, and with Dr. William Brune, Department Head of Meteorology, we uphold the findings of the RA-10 Investigatory Committee.

According to Penn State Policy RA-10, "if the Vice President for Research finds University policy not to have been violated, either at the inquiry stage or after a full investigation, these proceedings will be closed and the accused individual and the accuser so notified in writing." Based on the final investigation report of Penn State's RA-10 Investigatory Committee, University policy has not been violated; therefore, the proceedings are closed and Dr. Mann has been so notified in writing.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

Henry C. Foley

cc: Cynthia Baldwin