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Dear Professor Mann,

I am writing to inform you of the outcome of the investigation into the allegation of research misconduct against you as described 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 the final report from the RA-10 Investigatory Committee in which they find that you are not guilty of the alleged research misconduct of which you were accused.

Pursuant to policy RA-10, since receiving this report I have consulted 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 on the findings of the RA-10 Investigatory Committee. Based on the final investigation report of the RA-10 Investigatory Committee, and these consultations, I have decided that University policy has not been violated by you, that you are not guilty of alleged research misconduct.

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." This letter is my official notification to you that you are no longer under investigation and, therefore, that these proceedings are now closed. Also for your records I have enclosed a copy of my decision in your case.

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

Sincerely,

Henry C. Foley