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Re: Science Academy Task Force

Dear Mr. President:

I wanted to report to you on the status of the Fire Science Academy Task Force (FSA) deliberations prior to the Board of Regents meeting later this week.

The FSA Task Board has adopted a bifurcated strategy; first, proceed with the sale of the FSA site to the Nevada Department of the Military (NDM) and, second, continue our effort to seek support for funding of the ongoing operation of the FSA.

With respect to the sale of the FSA to the NDM the timeline is very tight, driven largely by the NDM's need to submit to the National Guard Bureau a plan which will enable the NDM to utilize previously appropriated federal funds. The Task Force's recommendation is predicated upon availability of the previously approved National Guard appropriation. The Board of Regents needs to approve negotiating the sale and authorizing requesting funds from the legislature's Interim Finance Committee at the Friday meeting in order for the NDM to file its amended plan with the National Guard Bureau to protect the prior appropriation from lapsing.

Second, we will continue pursuing outside support for the ongoing operations of the FSA. The University submitted on FY2011 funding for the FSI to our congressional delegation. This request, as have previous ones, is an earmark. Senator Ensign and Congressman Heller have taken the position that they will not support any earmarks and have declined to act. Senator Reid has agreed to support our request. In addition to the money the FSA receives from the various

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Letter from Richard H. Bryan
regarding the Science Academy
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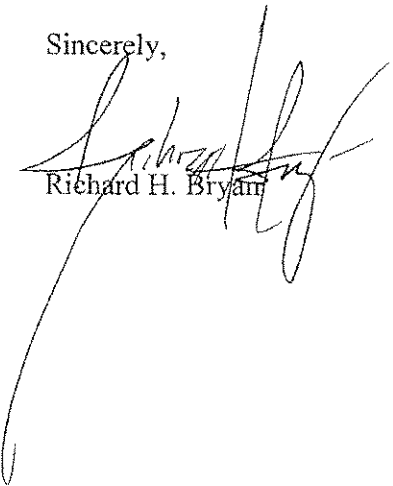
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stakeholders we are also exploring potential funding through FEMA and the U.S. Fire Administration.

In order for the plan to remain viable it is imperative that the NDM appropriation be maintained. That requires the sale authorization to proceed to meet National Guard guidelines.

I trust the foregoing will be helpful for your presentation to the Board of Regents on April 16th.

Sincerely,



Richard H. Bryan

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cc: Robert Dickens