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Dear Dr. Atkinson:

I wish to withdraw my name from further consideration for the position of Director of the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory.

As you know, I did not actively seek this position. When it was offered, my willingness to accept was based entirely on my professional commitment to the national security mission of the University of California defense laboratories and my personal belief that commitment to service obligates one to respond positively when asked by senior executives to take on new responsibilities. I am extremely honored to have been chosen and I fully appreciate the trust that the University of California has placed in me in asking me to lead this great Laboratory. I have enormous respect for my colleagues at Livermore and would have considered it an exceptional honor to join them.

However, events of last week, including the unwarranted linking of my name to the Wen Ho Lee affair in an attempt to cast a cloud on the appropriateness of my appointment, suggest that the unfounded controversy may hinder my effectiveness in leading the Laboratory. I am deeply concerned about the impact this experience has had on my family. In addition, as I have reflected over the past few days, I am comfortable that I did nothing to contribute to the controversy or the attendant negative reactions in Washington, within the University, and at Livermore.

I have discussed my decision with John Browne, and we have agreed that I will continue to perform my duties as Associate Director for Weapons Physics at Los Alamos National Laboratory. I wish to lend my support in any way that I can to help John Browne lead and manage Los Alamos National Laboratory. In addition, I have alerted General Gordon at NNSA of my decision, as well as my regret for any difficulties that my prospective appointment may have created for him and the Secretary of Energy.

I remain very honored to have been considered for the LLNL Director position. I look forward to my continued service to the Nation by promoting and implementing a strong, science-based Stockpile Stewardship program.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Raymond J. Juzaitis', written over a horizontal line.

Raymond J. Juzaitis