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VIA PRIORITY MAIL

Dr. Scott S. Cowen
President
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Dear President Cowen:

I informed you by May 10 letter of the composition of our Special Committee on Hurricane Katrina and New Orleans Universities, indicating that it would be meeting initially on May 24 to determine how it would proceed with its task.

The members of the special committee will be compiling and evaluating documentation on issues of concern at the various New Orleans universities during the weeks immediately ahead. They will be visiting the city during the weeks of August 7 and August 14, two or three at a time and with members of our staff providing assistance, to interview not only faculty members contesting the termination of their services at the various New Orleans universities but also administrative and faculty officers and bodies who participated in the planning and implementation of mission and program changes. The full special committee will then be convening in New Orleans on the evening of August 28 and on August 29 and 30 to discuss the results of the earlier interviews, to hear from the chief officers of the universities, and to discuss the preparation of its forthcoming report.

We look forward to having the cooperation of relevant Tulane people as we arrange for interviews, and we do hope that you yourself are amenable to our invitation to meet with our full group on August 29 or 30. If both of these dates should be impossible for you, do let me know and we shall work out an alternative.

Sincerely,


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Associate General Secretary

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