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Associate Vice Chancellor Cox:

As you know, on November 01, 2010, I received a report from the CU Boulder Program Discontinuance Committee (PDC) entitled 'School of Journalism and Mass Communication: Analysis and Recommendations'. On November 03, 2010, I met with the members of the PDC to discuss the report. Subsequent to that meeting several amendments to and clarifications of the report were made. I am now satisfied with the report and I officially accept the document from the PDC as the report of record in this proceeding.

My acceptance of the PDC report does not mean that I agree with and/or accept the recommendations contained therein. It simply acknowledges that this is the official report of record that I will use in the formulation of my recommendations to the Chancellor regarding the discontinuance of the School of Journalism and Mass Communication. I will provide my recommendations to the Chancellor no later than November 30, 2010.

Now that the PDC report is complete, I have two important requests to make of you. First, the Chancellor and I are committed to conducting these matters in a transparent fashion. I would appreciate it if you would first share this report with the SJMC faculty and then immediately make this report public. Second, the completion of the PDC report represents a key benchmark not only in the program discontinuance process, but also in our overall campus efforts to explore new structures for the development of new programs and curricula in media and communications as we move forward into the 21st century. Accordingly, I believe that the PDC report may be very valuable in informing the ongoing work of the Information, Communication, and Technology Exploratory Committee (EC). I am asking that you formally present the EC with this document, and answer any questions that they may have about the report.

In closing, I would like to acknowledge the superb efforts of the PDC and your office in this matter, particularly in light of the facts that you were all confronted with a daunting task and tight reporting deadline.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Russell Moore".

Russell Moore, PhD
Provost and Executive Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs