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Dear Colleagues:

I deeply regret that I must inform you of the death of Philip Handler, who passed away this morning at New England Deaconess Hospital in Boston, following a long illness from lymphoma complicated by pneumonia.

As you know, Phil Handler's presidency of the Academy was the culmination of many years of service to science, in the laboratory, in the classroom, and in many organizations--both national and international--in which policy for scientific research and advice for governments are formulated. The Academy and the National Research Council were greatly strengthened during his twelve years as president.

It is appropriate to recall the citation that accompanied the National Medal of Science, awarded to him by President Reagan in October: "For his outstanding contributions to biochemical research, resulting in significant contributions to mankind, including research that lead to a clearer understanding of pellagra, and for his national leadership in furthering the state of American science."

Phil was a close personal friend and mentor, and counseled me in my university and governmental careers. I shall miss his wisdom greatly. I know you share with me in expressing our sympathy to Lucy and their sons.

Sincerely,

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President