

April 22, 2004

Dr. Ray Orbach  
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Washington, D.C. 20585

Dear Ray,

With this letter I am transmitting the report of the Committee of Visitors to the Office of High Energy Physics of the Department of Energy. This report was unanimously endorsed by the High Energy Physics Advisory Panel (HEPAP) at its meeting in Washington earlier this week.

This Committee, created in response to your charge letter to me, was chaired by Professor Barry Barish. Given how particle physics research is carried out and managed, four subgroups were created to examine in detail the major activities in the program: accelerators, national laboratories, universities, and projects. The Committee was thus formed that was made up of individuals with both a broad view of the field and specific expertise in the four subareas.

They have produced a report that not only covers the overall functioning of the Office of High Energy Physics, but many specific issues as well. The theme is to make a tighter connection between the science goals of particle physics and the implementation of the high-energy program of the DOE. The Committee made recommendations for action where they found areas of concern, and praised many things that they found were being done very well.

I thank Professor Barish and the other members of the Committee of Visitors for taking on this important task and producing an excellent report. I commend it to you and stand ready, with the Committee of Visitors, to answer any additional questions that you may have.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Fred Gilman". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the typed name.

Frederick J. Gilman  
HEPAP Chair

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