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Dear [Redacted]

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I found our 3 March meeting on your Jason Project proposal quite informative. I believe your efforts to create a domestic supercomputer capability address an important national concern.

There is little question that the availability of a domestic supercomputer of the type your proposal describes would be a significant national security asset. This agency is closely monitoring its requirements in the supercomputer area. At this time, however, we do not have a validated supercomputer requirement. Unlike some other agencies, we are fortunate that commercially available hardware can generally be expected to satisfy the majority of our ADP requirements.

We, therefore, believe it would not be appropriate for CIA to take the initiative in funding a project such as yours. The National Security Agency or other Department of Defense component would be more suited as a lead agency.

Thank you once again for sharing your plans with us. We are very interested in supercomputer developments and will follow your progress closely. Please be assured that the goal of a strong domestic supercomputer capability is shared by this agency.

Sincerely,

[Redacted Signature]

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