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**Sent:** Friday, February 02, 2007 6:31 AM  
**To:** Observatory Council  
**Subject:** RE: Letter from the Observatory Council

Dear All,

Thank you for this letter, expressing support for the cost review concept and advice about the process. I assure you that we are sensitive to the exact points that you raise; in fact your words, "..the possible outcome that no cost reductions are feasible without compromising the core mission", could have been taken directly from my remarks on the subject at the NOAO all-hands meeting in January, the NRAO/Socorro meeting, our Michigan town meeting, and will be repeated at the remaining meetings with the community across the country this spring. I urge you all to try and attend one so you can hear, first hand, our plans as they develop.

Please be assured that all of the points in your final paragraph are very much a part of our thinking as we formulate the process and the charge to the committee.

Sincerely,

Wayne