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Dear Swapan,

Please accept the deeply heartfelt congratulations of your colleagues at the Cornell Laboratory for Accelerator-based Sciences and Education upon the renewal of the Cockcroft Institute grant. This is a marvelous event indeed. No doubt the success is a reflection of the international peer status as well as the fundamental contributions in science and global leadership of our scientific and engineering colleagues at the Cockcroft Institute.

We are all particularly pleased to see this public affirmation, by a major scientific agency, of the importance of accelerators and the science behind them. It is a fact that few policy makers are aware of the enormous breadth of science, technology, industry and medicine that is enabled by accelerators. As a consequence there is far too little awareness of the importance of support for generic accelerator R&D in creating the new technologies and ideas that will be needed in the future to serve discovery-class science as well as society at large in critical areas of energy, environment, health and security.

May the farsightedness shown by this grant renewal, be equally matched by the productivity and creativity of our respected colleagues at the Cockcroft Institute in advancing the frontier of accelerator science in such areas as -- Novel Schemes for Generation and Control of Ultra-high Accelerating Fields and Beam Brightness, Ultra-short Pulses, Ultra-cold Beams and Efficient Operation via Energy Recovery -- so that we can look forward to many more renewals to come in the future.

Sincerely,

Maury Tigner

Director