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Dear Regent Doughty,

I previously informed you that the University had received through its “whistleblower hotline” two allegations of misconduct regarding Regent Fortner and that I had hired Judge Bruce Black to conduct an independent investigation of them. Judge Black has now concluded his investigation and determined that no violation of state or federal law or University policy has occurred.

Judge Black does recommend in the report that the Regents be more transparent in the future regarding Regent activities and reimbursement allowances to help prevent anonymous sources raising questions and allegations like those involved in this matter.

The report will remain confidential. It has not been and will not be shared with anyone but you and President Abdallah. President Abdallah has been asked to destroy the copy shared with him.

Very truly yours,



Elsa Kircher Cole
University Counsel

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cc: Regent Jack L. Fortner