TO: James O. Mason, M.D., Dr.P.H.  
Assistant Secretary for Health  

FROM: Director, National Institutes of Health  

SUBJECT: Position of Director, National Center for Human Genome Research---ACTION  

This is to confirm that Dr. James D. Watson resigned from the position of Director, National Center for Human Genome Research, on April 10, 1992. Michael M. Gottesman, M.D., a member of the Commissioned Corps, and Chief, Laboratory of Cell Biology at the National Cancer Institute, is serving as Acting Director.

Dr. Gottesman received his M.D., magna cum laude, from Harvard Medical School in 1970 and continued his education as a Research Associate at the National Institutes of Health, National Institute of Arthritis, Metabolism, and Digestive Diseases. In 1974, Dr. Gottesman was senior resident in Medicine at Peter Bent Brigham Hospital and, in 1980, returned to the National Institutes of Health as a Senior Investigator in the Laboratory of Molecular Biology in the National Cancer Institute. He is presently Clinical Assistant Professor, Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences, National Naval Medical Center, Medical Director, United States Public Health Service, and Clinical Associate Professor, Department of Medicine, Georgetown University School of Medicine. Dr. Gottesman has agreed to serve as the Acting Director for the Center until a suitable candidate can be found to fill the vacancy.

Please sign and forward the attached memorandum to inform the Assistant Secretary for Personnel Administration.

Bernadine Healy, M.D.

Attachment