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Dear Raja,

Thank you for your presentations on P-960 to the Physics Advisory Committee (PAC) at the open and executive sessions. The Committee discussed at some length both the proposed upgrades to the MIPP spectrometer and the expanded physics measurement goals of the proposed experiment. The PAC noted that the proposed measurements can be very valuable, but felt that it is necessary to have more detailed quantitative information about what the impact of the proposed measurements would be. For that reason, and to allow more time to strengthen the collaboration commitments to the experiment, the Committee recommended deferral of a decision on the MIPP proposal. The full, detailed recommendation from the PAC is attached.

I accept the recommendation of the PAC and will defer a decision on the MIPP P-960 proposal at this time. I, and the Committee, also feel that it would be desirable to see the power of the spectrometer through presentation of more final results from the existing dataset. When the questions and concerns expressed in the PAC recommendation can be addressed, I would be pleased to further consider the MIPP P-960 proposal.

Sincerely,

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Attachment

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