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Dear Robin and Tony,

At the HEPAP meeting on July 13, 2007, the Dark Matter Scientific Assessment Group (DMSAG) presented its final report on the direct detection and study of dark matter. This is a slightly modified version of the report we reviewed at our February meeting. The revisions, including more detailed recommendations, followed an external review requested by the Astronomy and Astrophysics Advisory Committee (AAAC).

HEPAP is very impressed by the excellent description of the scientific opportunities and the thorough discussion of the various experimental approaches, and consequently unanimously approved the DMSAG report. Since the AAAC has also approved the report, I am now officially transmitting it to you.

Sincerely yours,



Melvyn J. Shochet
HEPAP Chair