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Dr. Michael S. Turner  
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Dear Michael,

I have received your letter of October 5, 2005, requesting that the *MPS Division of Astronomical Sciences Senior Review* committee be constituted as a subcommittee of the MPS Advisory Committee. I believe that it is very appropriate that this important task, requested in the last astronomy NAS decadal study, be undertaken through MPSAC, and I am pleased to accept this responsibility on behalf of the entire MPSAC.

The proposed charge to the committee appears well focussed and responsive to the request carried in the decadal study. You have proposed a broad-based, balanced set of possible individuals to serve on this committee. If it would be useful or necessary to obtain additional or replacement members of this committee, the astronomy members of MPSAC and I would be happy to offer suggestions.

We look forward to working with you and the *Senior Review* as this process evolves.

With best wishes,

W. Carl Lineberger, Chair,  
Mathematical and Physical Sciences Advisory Committee

CC: John Hucra, MPSAC  
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