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**TO MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE ON OVERSIGHT OF DEPARTMENT OF
ENERGY LABORATORIES:**

ITEM FOR INFORMATION

For Meeting of September 22, 2004

**ANNUAL REPORT OF THE UC PRESIDENT'S COUNCIL ON THE NATIONAL
LABORATORIES**

Mr. William L. Friend, Chair of the UC President's Council on the National Laboratories, will present the 11th Annual Report of the Council to the Regents. The Council is appointed by the President to advise him on all matters having to do with the management and operation of the Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory, the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory, and the Los Alamos National Laboratory. The membership rosters of the Council and its five Panels are attached.

The Council and its Panels have been engaged in reviewing activities at all three laboratories. Recently, however, they have devoted particular attention to issues at Los Alamos, where their focus has been on advising the Office of the President and the laboratory on processes and systems to strengthen safety and security and to return the laboratory to full operation efficiently and effectively. They are also working to enhance programmatic and scientific performance at all three laboratories.

The Council has also recently been engaged in discussion with the President's Office regarding the issues inherent in any decision that the Regents might make to compete for the contracts for these laboratories. The Council believes the University's continued management of the laboratories is in the best interest of the nation. Assuming the Requests for Proposals have acceptable terms, the Council is fully supportive of the University's competing for these contracts. The Council believes that the support of the Regents is critical to the thousands of laboratory employees who consider their affiliation with the University of California as their employer to be of great importance. These people are the heart of the laboratories and the engine that drives the superb research and development activities that have been the hallmark of the University's laboratories and the pride of the University.

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