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Dear Dean Sinervo:

Further to our meeting of December 8th, concerning support for the *Coalition of Canadian Astronomy*, to secure long range funding for a number of projects, I was pleased to meet with you.

I understand that you need to move beyond the Government's existing five-year timeframe for project funding.

As you know both the 2002 and 2003 Federal Budgets supported astronomy and astrophysics.

The \$537 million that the coalition is seeking over the next seven years is an important investment in maintaining Canada as a world leader in this field.

I have made representations to the Minister of Finance, the Honourable Ralph Goodale, and trust that we will see positive results in next year's budget.

As I indicated to you, I am a strong supporter of the Dunlap Observatory in Richmond Hill, and look forward to discussing this matter with you in the near future.

Yours truly,

Bryon Wilfert
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