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Mr. Michael Jolliffe  
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Dear Mr. Jolliffe:

The Honourable James M. Flaherty, Minister of Finance, forwarded to me on January 31, 2007, a copy of your letter of September 26, 2006, conveying your support for the Long Range Plan for Astronomy and Astrophysics.

Canada's consistently high international rankings in the domain of astronomy and astrophysics research are a testament to the hard work and ingenuity of Canada's research community. The Government of Canada is pleased to have provided support to help the astronomy research community in its efforts. Future support for the Long Range Plan will be considered in the context of the forthcoming Science and Technology Strategy that I am currently developing with Minister Flaherty.

Please accept my best wishes.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Maxime Bernier".

Maxime Bernier

c.c. The Honourable James M. Flaherty, P.C., M.P.

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