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Dr. Iris C. Rotberg
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Dear Dr. Rotberg:

I am pleased to appoint you as a member of the Panel on Improving Mathematics and Science Education for Children in Poverty. The activities of this seven-member panel will be coordinated by Dr. J. Arthur Jones, Director of the Office of Equity and Diversity, Coordinating Council for Education.

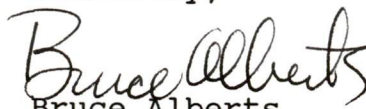
The Panel's charge will be to examine the feasibility and possible design of a future study of ways that the Department of Education's Chapter I/Title I program might be leveraged to optimize positive impacts on the mathematics and science education of children in poverty. This will involve reviewing and analyzing the new Elementary and Secondary Education Act legislation, now pending in a House-Senate conference committee, and using this analysis as a basis for Panel recommendations. A more detailed discussion of some of the issues the Panel is expected to address is enclosed.

Three one-day meetings of the Panel are planned, although the exact meeting dates have not yet been determined. These dates will be scheduled in accordance with the availability of Panel members to attend. We are anticipating that the first meeting of the Panel will be held in late October.

Please address all inquiries to J. Arthur Jones, Office of Equity and Diversity. He can be reached at 202-334-2206, by fax at 202-334-1294 or by e-mail at jjones@nas.edu.

The National Research Council appreciates your acceptance to serve on the Panel, and we look forward to working with you on this important endeavor.

Sincerely,


Bruce Alberts
Chairman

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J. Arthur Jones

Enclosures (2)