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Dear Lester:

I have reviewed the agenda package for the BDAC Assurances Workgroup Meeting of 10/2/96 and would like to offer some suggestions and observations. In the Assurances Workgroups the use of terminology and the specific wording of phrases is of paramount importance. Assurances are by nature not vague. Indeed the definition of one who is assured is "...*certain or guaranteed.*"

The use of terms has become increasing important and consistency in terms should "bridge" the various tasks being carried out by individual workgroups. I do not offer insights beyond those workgroups where I am actively participating and therefore my own comments may suggest language which is inconsistent with terms of another workgroup. It is my fervent hope that the CALFED Editor In Chief will sort this all out (with the obligatory use of overheads).

Thank you for the opportunity to review and comment on this material.

Sincerely,

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