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Dear General Phillips and Colonel Currie:

I am responding to your letter to Attorney General Sessions of March 20, 2017. We understand your concerns regarding our United States Public Health Service (USPHS) colleagues and look forward to working with you on a satisfactory resolution of the issues. Toward that end, my Justice Management Division is working with Bureau of Prisons (BOP) on an appeal of the FLRA decision in favor of the Union. Additionally, BOP's Acting Director met with the Union and USPHS representatives this past week. BOP's leadership welcomes a meeting with you.

We look forward to successfully resolving these issues with you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Lee J. Lofthus".

Lee J. Lofthus
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