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UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND SYSTEM
INTERNAL MEMORANDUM

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To: President Errol Reese
President Michael Hooker

From: Chancellor Donald N. Langenberg 

As you know, at its meeting last month the Committee on Educational Policy of the Board of Regents voted unanimously to recommend to the full Board, at its August 28 meeting, that the Regents undertake a study of the unification of the University of Maryland at Baltimore and the University of Maryland Baltimore County. Since it appears likely that the full Board will accept the recommendation of its committee, and because our circumstances call for a thorough but expeditious study, I write to ask that you, as the presidents of the institutions most directly affected, begin to prepare for the recommended study.

In particular, I ask that you plan the establishment of a broad-based UMAB-UMBC Task Force on Unification (TFU), to be co-chaired by you. The TFU should include a balanced group of faculty, staff, and students from both institutions. By "balanced" I mean a group that can examine all aspects of a possible unification of UMAB and UMBC, both positive and negative, in as objective, unbiased, and dispassionate a manner as possible. The TFU would be charged to address the general questions listed in the first appended enclosure, to seek the views of a variety of interested individuals and organizations, to present relevant recommendations, and, if these include a recommendation that unification should be accomplished, to develop a vision for the unified institution. While the primary task of the TFU would be to assess the pros and cons of unification from the point(s) of view of UMAB and UMBC, it would be encouraged to solicit relevant views from outside UMAB and UMBC where appropriate.

The TFU is expected to report on or before October 31, 1991.

A tentative plan for the Regent's study is also enclosed. It is understood that the final plan is contingent on further discussion and agreement among the Regents. The tentative plan anticipates the appointment of a "Regents' Select Committee on Unification (RSCU). The RSCU would bear the primary responsibility for the conduct of the Regents' study of this