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Dear Professor Wheeler,

This note is in follow-up to an earlier communication submitted to you, for the Senates Conference consideration and advice, regarding proposed amendments to Article II, Sections 4-6 of the *General Rules*.

As you may recall, the ARR Working Group had recommended that the *General Rules* be amended to modernize the University contract process and to reduce the layers of approval required for routine contracts. Pursuant to these recommendations a number of revisions to Sections 4-6 of Article II of the *General Rules* were proposed with the intent of making the University contract process more efficient and consistent with good business practice. These changes were forwarded to you earlier for consultation with the University Senates Conference.

At this time, I wish to bring a specific item to your attention for clarification. The first sentence of Article II, Section 4(b) was originally proposed to be deleted from the *General Rules*. However, this sentence is <u>not</u> to be deleted and will remain as originally set forth in the *General Rules*. It will continue to read as follows: "All contracts, other than purchase orders, shall be executed at least in duplicate, and the original thereof shall be filed with the secretary of the Board of Trustees and remain in the custody of the secretary." The original second sentence of that section will also be retained with <u>no</u> revisions.

I am hopeful that this clarification will not delay the USC's review and consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,

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c: Harry Berman Avijit Ghosh Michele Thompson