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Dr. Daniel Baker  
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Dear Dr. Baker:

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Thank you for submitting the report of the Committee of Visitors (COV) for the Geospace Section (GS), which was held at the National Science Foundation from May 4 to 6, 2011. I sincerely appreciate your committee's thorough and valuable analysis.

I was delighted to learn that the COV was favorably impressed with the performance and dedication of the current Program Officers and leadership of the GS. I am likewise happy with your conclusion that the review process of our GS programs is handled very well, and that our program portfolios are of high quality and well balanced.

I am grateful for the time that busy people like yourselves have committed to helping NSF and the community, not only in providing retrospective of performance by the Aeronomy, Magnetospheric Physics, Solar Physics and Upper Atmospheric Facilities programs over the past three years, but also in looking forward to the future. You have provided many constructive comments on broad issues fundamental to the business operations of NSF and investment priorities required for the health of the GS disciplines. The challenges will indeed remain substantial for the GS programs in the future, but the leadership in GEO is committed to addressing the key issues that you have pointed out.

Once again, thank you for your helpful comments and recommendations.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Tim", written over a horizontal line.

Timothy L. Killeen  
Assistant Director

Enclosure

Copy to: COV Members  
Louise Kellogg, AC/GEO Chair