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Michelle Y. Hassler DNA Technical Manager San Diego Sheriff's Regional Crime Laboratory 5255 Mount Etna Drive San Diego, California 92117

Dear Ms. Hassler:

This is in response to the external Quality Assurance Standards audit conducted for the San Diego County Sheriff's Office Crime Laboratory in San Diego, California dated July 23 to 25, 2012.

A review of your audit documentation found your laboratory to be in compliance with the external audit requirement and the FBI Director's Quality Assurance Standards. Based upon this review, the NDIS Audit Review Panel **overturned** the findings associated with Standards 8.1 and 8.3.2. Please retain this documentation for your records.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,

Douglas R. Hares, PhD

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