Dear Dr. Wilner:

As you know, I have been working with the Smithsonian Congress of Scholars to present annual research prizes that recognize and promote good scholarship across the Smithsonian Institution. The array of awards is designed to be pan-Institutional, reflecting the diversity of research at the Smithsonian across disciplinary areas.

I am pleased to inform you that you, Sean Andrews and your team, have been selected to share one of these awards, known as the Secretary's Research Prizes. The selection committee, organized by the Co-chairs of Scholars, under the direction of co-chairs Ellen Alers of the Smithsonian Institution Archives and Blythe McCarthy of the Freer Gallery of Art, has nominated you as one of ten recipients this year. Your award is for the jointly-authored article:


I will announce the awards soon in a Smithsonian-wide announcement. We also plan to celebrate this program and your accomplishments in the fall at the time of the Secretary's Distinguished Research Lecture.

At this time, I would like to arrange to transfer the awarded funds, $2000, to a workplace research account for your use in furthering your research. I would appreciate it if you would provide Shelly Cole, funds manager for the Office of the Secretary, with the contact information for the person she should work with to transfer the funds. Please let her know how you intend to share them.

Again, congratulations on your research and accomplishments. I am delighted to award you with this prize in recognition of your contributions to the mission of the Smithsonian Institution.

Sincerely,

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