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NAME

Physics Department

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Socorro, NM 87801

Dear NAME:

I am happy to inform you that with your score of XXX out of a possible 200, you have passed the Physics Department preliminary examination at the Ph.D. level. Departmental rules concerning the preliminary exam and candidacy state the following:

Admission to Ph.D. Candidacy is a two-step process. First, students wishing to pursue a Ph.D. degree must apply for Candidacy by written petition to the Chairperson of the Physics Department. The Department Faculty will then evaluate the student's readiness and ability to do Ph.D. level research, based on the following considerations:

1. The student's performance on the preliminary exam [expected to be 60% or above].
2. Ability to do independent research.
3. The student's performance in graduate course work.

Second, the student must pass the Oral Candidacy Exam.

Congratulations! If you have not already consulted your advisory committee, please do so as soon as possible so that you can begin your petition for admission to Ph.D. candidacy.

Sincerely,

David Westpfahl
Chair, Physics Department