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**Subject:** Request to Meet on ARI-R2 and MRI-R2 Programs

Steve and Randy –

As you might know I used to be at NSF as deputy director of the Office of Legislative and Public Affairs some years ago. Today, amongst other things, I am a consultant to the University of Chicago. A couple of members of the University's senior management team are planning to come to WDC for a series of meetings and they would very much like a chance to meet with each of you to discuss their ideas for the ARI-R2 and MRI-R2 programs. Could you look at your calendars and give me a two different days over the next 7 to 14 days in which you might be available to meet with them for about one hour each? They will come in from Chicago so if you could give us days when you are both available – either morning or afternoon – it would really be appreciated. I suspect the Chicago group will include either their VP for Research and/or their Provost, along with one or two other folks from the University. As a registered lobbyist, I don't plan on attending the meeting, but I would like to be helpful in getting things set up.

Thanks for your help on this.

Best –

Joel

