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Governor Atiyeh

I apologize for taking so long to acknowledge your official notification of the demise of your transition from the Governor's Office with a balance of \$2,000. In keeping with Executive Department policy, that amount was subject to careful scrutiny.

My worst fears were realized; alas, a discrepancy. As of July 17, there was an unexpended balance of \$2,158.97. Only our long friendship precludes my demand for explanation. There is no precedent for this kind of careful spending in government. My only hope is that there will be some late charges for telephone or parking expenses to whittle away at this sum.

Oliver Wendell Holmes once said, "...there's nothing that keeps its youth,/So far as I know, but a tree and truth." As you start your fourth, maybe fifth, career, you have to be considered a Douglas Fir at the very least.

Best wishes for continued success in your new venture and please keep in mind that public service goes on forever.

Fred

Fred D. Miller
Director