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TO: Chancellor Robert Huttenback
FROM: Walter H. Capps
RE: Support of Council on the Study of Religion

During the past two years, UCSB has supported the work of the Council on the Study of Religion by providing half-time secretarial services to its president, the undersigned, in addition to some office space. I am requesting that this arrangement be continued this year.

The Council is the "umbrella agency" for the major professional societies in religious studies and theology in North America. It has in membership some fifteen societies, and sends its publications to more than 15,000 readers. It is also the agency through which North American scholars in religious studies are represented in other professional organizations, among them the International Association for the History of Religions.

Under my presidency, much of the administrative work of the Council has been undertaken on our campus. During that period, we received one extra-mural grant for the work of the Council from the National Endowment for the Humanities. We expect to receive a modest grant this year (see attached letter from Mr. Robert Lynn of the Lilly Endowment) and are in the process of writing other grant proposals.

The presence of the Council lends distinction to both the religious studies program at UCSB and to the campus as a whole.

XC: Marvin Marcus, Associate Vice Chancellor
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