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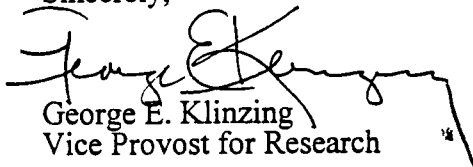
Dear Ms. Dickson:

On behalf of the University of Pittsburgh, I wish to submit a comment on the proposed guidelines for measuring and maximizing the quality, objectivity, utility, and integrity of information disseminated by federal agencies as described in the June 28, 2001 *Federal Register* (66 FR 34489).

The primary concern of the University's administration and faculty researchers is that the guidelines appear to permit someone other than the researchers developing the data to take and use them before the researchers have the opportunity to analyze the data themselves. We vigorously oppose this possibility, as it contradicts long-held principles and practices of ethically-conducted scientific research.

In addition, the University of Pittsburgh supports the comment on the proposed guidelines that is being submitted by the Association of American Universities (AAU) and the National Association of State Universities and Land Grant Colleges (NASULCG).

Sincerely,

  
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